

PCT

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION International Bureau



INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(51) International Patent Classification 6: **WO 99/10535** (11) International Publicati n Number: C12Q 1/68, C12N 15/12 A1 (43) International Publicati n Date: 4 March 1999 (04.03.99) PCT/US98/17283 (81) Designated States: AU, CA, IL, JP, US, European patent (AT, (21) International Application Number: BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, 21 August 1998 (21.08.98) MC, NL, PT, SE). (22) International Filing Date: **Published** (30) Priority Data:

60/056,861

22 August 1997 (22.08.97)

US

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): YALE UNI-VERSITY [US/US]; 451 College Street, New Haven, CT 06520 (US).

(72) Inventors; and

(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): LIU, Meng [CN/US]; Apartment 7C, 564 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511 (US). BASKARAN, Namadev [IN/US]; 750 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511 (US). WEISSMAN, Sherman, M. [US/US]; 459 Saint Ronan Street, New Haven, CT 06511 (US).

(74) Agent: ADLER, Reid, G.; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1800 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036 (US).

With international search report.

Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.

(54) Title: A PROCESS TO STUDY CHANGES IN GENE EXPRESSION IN STEM CELLS

(57) Abstract

The present invention includes a method to identify stem cell genes that are differentially expressed in stem cells at various stages of differentiation when compared to undifferentiated stem cells by preparing a gene expression profile of a stem cell population and comparing the profile to a profile prepared from stem cells at different stages of differentiation, thereby identifying cDNA species, and therefore genes, which are expressed. The present invention also includes methods to identify a therapeutic agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation, proliferation and/or survival of stem cells.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF INFORMATION ONLY

Codes used to identify States party to the PCT on the front pages of pamphlets publishing international applications under the PCT.

AL	Albania	ES	Spain	LS	Lesotho	SI	Slovenia
AM	Armenia	FI	Finland	LT	Lithuania	SK	Slovakia
AT	Austria	FR	France	LU	Luxembourg	SN	Senegal
AU	Australia	GA	Gabon	LV	Latvia	SZ	Swaziland
AZ	Azerbaijan _	GB	United Kingdom	MC	Monaco	TD	Chad
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	GE	Georgia	MD	Republic of Moldovs	TG	Togo
B B	Barbados	GH	Ghana	MG	Madagascar	TJ	Tajikistan
BE	Belgium	GN	Guinea	MK	The former Yugoslav	TM	Turkmenistan
BF	Burkina Faso	GR	Greece		Republic of Macedonia	TR	Turkey
BG	Bulgaria	HU	Hungary	ML	Mali	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
BJ	Benin	IE	Ireland	MN	Mongolia	UA	Ukraine
BR	Brazil	IL	Israel	MR	Mauritania	UG	Uganda
BY	Belarus	IS	Iceland	MW	Malawi	US	United States of Americ
CA	Canada	IT	Italy ,	MX	Mexico	UZ	Uzbekistan
CF	Central African Republic	JP	Japan	NE	Niger	VN	Viet Nam
CG	Congo	KR	Kenya .	NL	Netherlands	YU	Yugoslavia
CH	Switzerland	KG	Kyrgyzstan	NO	Norway	ZW	Zimbabwe
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	KP	Democratic People's	NZ	New Zealand		
CM	Cameroon		Republic of Korea	PL	Poland		
CN	China	KR	Republic of Korea	PT	Portugal		
CU	Cuba	KZ	Kazakuran	RO	Romania		
CZ	Czech Republic	LC	Saint Lucia	RU	Russian Federation		
DE	Germany	u	Liechtenstein	SID	Sudan		
DK	Denmark	LK	Sri Lanka	SE	Sweden		
EE	Estonia	LR	Liberia	SG	Singapore		

A PROCESS TO STUDY CHANGES IN GENE EXPRESSION IN STEM CELLS

Technical Field

This invention relates to compositions and methods useful to identify agents that modulate the expression of at least one gene associated with the differentiation, proliferation, dedication and/or survival of stem cells.

5 Background of the Invention

The identification of genes associated with development and differentiation of cells is an important step for advancing our understanding of hematopoiesis, the differentiation of hematopoietic stem cells into erythrocytes, monocytes, platelets and polymorphonuclear white blood cells or granulocytes. The identification of genes associated with hematopoiesis is also an important step for advancing the development of therapeutic agents which modulate, promote or interfere with the differentiation of stem cells.

Hematopoietic stem cells derive from bone marrow stem cells. The bone marrow stem cells ultimately differentiate into the hematopoietic stem cells, which are responsible for the lymphoid, myeloid and erythroid lineages, and stromal stem cells, which differentiate into fibroblasts, osteoblasts, smooth muscle cells, stromal cells and adipocytes (STEWART SELL, IMMUNOLOGY, IMMUNOPATHOLOGY & IMMUNITY, 5th ed. 39-42 Stamford, CT, 1996). The lymphoid lineage, comprising B-cells and T-cells, provides for the production of antibodies, regulation of the cellular immune system, detection of foreign agents in the blood, detection of cells foreign to the host, and the like. The myeloid lineage, which includes monocytes, granulocytes, megakaryocytes as well as others cells, monitors for the presence of foreign bodies in the blood stream, provides protection against neoplastic cells, scavenges foreign materials in the blood stream,

produces platelets and the like. The erythroid lineage provides the red blood cells which act as oxygen carriers.

Hematopoietic stem cells differentiate as a result from their interaction with growth factors such as interleukins (ILs), lymphokines, colony-stimulating factors

(CSFs), erythropoietin (epo), and stem cell factor (SCF). Each of these growth factors have multiple actions that are not necessarily limited to the hematopoietic system (ROBERT A. MEYERS, ED., MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY: A COMPREHENSIVE DESK REFERENCE, 392-6, New York, 1995). Proliferation, differentiation and survival of immature hematopoietic progenitor cells are sustained by hematopoietic growth factors (hemopoietins). These growth factors also influence the survival and function of mature blood cells. The kinetics of hematopoiesis vary depending on cell type, and their life span may be as little as 6-12 hours to as much as months or years. As a result, the daily renewal of certain lymphocyte progenitors may be substantially lower than that of leukocytic progenitors. The most primitive cells, pluripotent stem cells (PSCs), have high self-renewal capacity (Nathan, 818-821; Saito, Recent trends in research on differentiation of hematopoietic cells and lymphokines, Hum. Cell. 5(1): 54 (1992)).

Growth factors are responsible for differentiating the hematopoietic stem cell into either the hemocytoblast, which is the progenitor cell of erythrocytes, neutrophils, eosinophils, basophils, monocytes and platelets, and lymphoid stem cells, which are progenitors to T cells and B cells. Sell, 41. These circulating blood cells are products of terminal differentiation of recognizable precursors (e.g., erythroblasts, monomyeloblasts and megakaryoblasts, to name but a few). The terminal differentiation of these recognizable precursors may occur exclusively in the marrow cavities of the axial skeleton, with some extension into the proximal femora and humeri (David G. Nathan, Hematologic Diseases, IN CECIL TEXTBOOK OF MEDICINE 20th ed., 817, Philadelphia, 1996). White blood cell (WBC) nomenclature may be divided into two major populations on the basis of the form of their nuclei: single nuclei (mononuclear or "round cells") or segmented nuclei (polymorphonuclear).

-3-

In human medicine, the ability to initiate and regulate hematopoiesis is of great importance (McCune et al., The SCID-hu mouse: murine model for the analysis of human hematolymphoid differentiation and function, Science 241: 1632(1988)). A variety of diseases and immune disorders, including malignancies, appear to be related to disruptions within the lympho-hematopoietic system. Many of these disorders could be alleviated and/or cured by repopulating the hematopoietic system with progenitor cells, which when triggered to differentiate would overcome the patient's deficiency. In humans, a current replacement therapy is bone marrow transplantation. This type of therapy, however, is both painful (for donor and recipient) because of involvement of invasive procedures and can offer severe complications to the recipient, particularly when the graft is allogeneic and Graft Versus Host Disease (GVHD) results. Therefore, the risk of GVHD restricts the use of bone marrow transplantation to patients with otherwise fatal diseases. A potentially more exciting alternative therapy for hematopoietic disorders is the treatment of patients with reagents that regulate the proliferation and differentiation of stem cells (Lawman et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,650,299 (1997)).

There is also a strong interest in the development of procedures to produce large numbers of the human hematopoietic stem cell. This will allow for identification of growth factors associated with its self regeneration. Additionally, there may be as yet undiscovered growth factors associated (1) with the early steps of dedication of the stem cell to a particular lineage; (2) the prevention of such dedication; and (3) the negative control of stem cell proliferation. Availability of large numbers of stem cells would be extremely useful in bone marrow transplantation, as well as transplantation of other organs in association with the transplantation of bone marrow.

An in vitro system that permits determination of what agents induce differentiation or proliferation of progenitor cells within a hematopoietic cell population would have many applications. For example, controlled production of red blood cells would permit the in vitro production of red blood cell units for clinical replacement (transfusion) therapy. As is well known, transfused red cells are used in the treatment of anemia following elective surgery, in cases of traumatic blood loss, and in the supportive care of, e.g., cancer patients. Similarly, controlled production of platelets would permit

-4-

the *in vitro* production of platelets for platelet transfusion therapy, which may be used in cancer patients with thrombocytopenia caused by chemotherapy. For both red cells and platelets, current volunteer donor pools are accompanied by the risk of infectious contamination, and availability of an adequate supply can be limited. Determination of such compounds would lend itself to developing methods of controlled *in vitro* production of specified lineage of mature blood cells to circumvent these problems (Palsson *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,635,386 (1997)).

Alternatively, agents could be isolated that selectively deplete a particular lineage of cells from within a hematopoietic cell population and can similarly confer important advantages. For example, production of stem cells and myeloid cells while selectively depleting T-cells from a bone marrow cell population could be very important for the management of patients with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Since the major reservoir of HIV is the pool of mature T-cells, selective eradication of the mature T-cells from a hematopoietic cell mass collected from a patient has considerable potential therapeutic benefit. If one could selectively remove all the mature T-cells from within an HIV infected bone marrow cell population while maintaining viable stem cells, the T-cell depleted bone marrow sample could then be used to "rescue" the patient following hematolymphoid ablation and autologous bone marrow transplantation. Although there are reports of the isolation of progenitor cells (see, e.g., Tsukamoto et al., (1991) as representative) such techniques are distinct from the selective removal of T-cells from a hematopoietic tissue culture (Palsson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,635,386 (1997)).

Summary of the Invention

While the differentiation of stem cells has been the subject of intense study, little is known about the global transcriptional response of stem cells during cell hematopoiesis. The present inventors have devised an approach to systematically assess the transcriptional regulation of stem cells during hematopoiesis as well as methods for the identification of agents that modulate the expression of at least one gene associated with hematopoiesis.

-5-

The present invention includes a method to identify stem cell genes that are differentially expressed in stem cells at various stages of differentiation when compared to undifferentiated stem cells by preparing a gene expression profile of a stem cell population and comparing the profile to a profile prepared from stem cells at different stages of differentiation, thereby identifying cDNA species, and therefore genes, which are expressed.

The present invention further includes a method to identify an agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation process of a stem cell population, comprising the steps of preparing a first gene

10 expression profile of an undifferentiated stem cell population, preparing a second gene expression profile of a stem cell population at a defined stage of differentiation, treating said undifferentiated stem cell population with the agent, preparing a third gene expression profile of the treated stem cell population, and comparing the first, second and third gene expression profiles. Comparison of the three gene expression profiles for

15 RNA species as represented by cDNA fragments that are differentially expressed upon addition of the agent to the undifferentiated stem cell population identifies agents that modulate the expression of at least one gene in undifferentiated stem cells that is associated with stem cell differentiation.

Another aspect of the invention is a composition comprising a grouping of nucleic acids or nucleic acid fragments affixed to a solid support. The nucleic acids affixed to the solid support correspond to one or more genes whose expression levels are modulated during stem cell differentiation.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 Figure 1 is an autoradiogram of the gene expression profiles generated from cDNAs made with RNA isolated from Lin⁺, LRH, LRH48 and LRBRH cells. All possible 12 anchoring oligo d(T)n1, n2 were used to generate a complete expression profile for the enzyme ClaI.

Modes of Carrying Out the Invention

General Description

The differentiation of stem cells during the process of hematopoiesis is a subject of primary importance in view of the need to find ways to modulate the stem cell differentiation process. One means of characterizing the process of hematopoiesis is to measure the ability of stem cells to synthesize specific RNA during stem cell differentiation.

The following discussion presents a general description of the invention as well definitions for certain terms used herein.

10 Definitions

The term "stem cells" as used herein, refers to both hematopoietic stem cells and bone marrow stem cells, and includes totipotent cells which serve as progenitors of neoplastic transformation. The term "hematopoietic stem cells" refers to stem cells which differentiate into erythrocytes, monocytes, granulocytes, and platelets. The putative human hematopoietic stem cell may express the cell surface antigen CD34.

The term "hematopoiesis" as used herein, refers to the process by which stem cells differentiate into blood cells, including erythrocytes, monocytes, granulocytes, and platelets.

The term "blood cell", as used herein, refers to all blood cell types derived from the
process of hematopoiesis (see STEWART SELL, IMMUNOLOGY, IMMUNOPATHOLOGY &
IMMUNITY, 5th ed. 39-42, Stamford, CT, 1996)

The term "solid support", as used herein, refers to any support to which nucleic acids can be bound or immobilized, including nitrocellulose, nylon, glass, other solid supports which are positively charged and nanochannel glass arrays disclosed by Beattie (WO 95/1175).

The term "gene expression profile", also referred to as a "differential expression profile" or "expression profile" refers to any representation of the expression level of at

-7-

least one mRNA species in a cell sample or population. For instance, a gene expression profile can refer to an autoradiograph of labeled cDNA fragments produced from total cellular mRNA separated on the basis of size by known procedures. Such procedures include slab gel electrophoresis, capillary gene electrophoresis, high performance liquid chromatography, and the like. Digitized representations of scanned electrophoresis gels are also included as are two and three dimensional representations of the digitized data.

While a gene expression profile encompasses a representation of the expression level of at least one mRNA species, in practice, the typical gene expression profile represents the expression level of multiple mRNA species. For instance, a gene expression profile useful in the methods and compositions disclosed herein represents the expression levels of at least about 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 500, 1000 or more preferably, substantially all of the detectable mRNA species in a cell sample or population. Particularly preferred are gene expression profiles or arrays affixed to a solid support that contain a sufficient representative number of mRNA species whose expression levels are modulated under the relevant infection, disease, screening, treatment or other experimental conditions. In some instances a sufficient representative number of such mRNA species will be about 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 50-75 or 100.

Gene expression profiles can be produced by any means known in the art, including, but not limited to the methods disclosed by: Prashar et al. (1996) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.

20 USA 93:659-663; Liang et al. (1992) Science 257;967-971; Ivanova et al. (1995) Nucleic Acids Res. 23:2954-2958; Guilfoyl et al. (1997) Nucleic Acids Res. 25(9):1854-1858; Chee et al. (1996) Science 274:610-614; Velculescu et al. (1995) Science 270:484-487; Fischer et al. (1995) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 92(12):5331-5335; and Kato (1995) Nucleic Acids Res. 23(18):3685-3690.

As an example, gene expression profiles are made to identify one or more genes whose expression levels are modulated during the process of stem cell differentiation. The assaying of the modulation of gene expression via the production of a gene expression profile generally involves the production of cDNA from polyA⁺ RNA (mRNA) isolated from stem cells as described below.

Stem cells are harvested or isolated by any technique known in the art. One of the most versatile ways to separate hematopoietic cells is by use of flow cytometry, where the particles, *i.e.*, cells, can be detected by fluorescence or light scattering. The source of the cells may be any source which is convenient. Thus, various tissues, organs, fluids, or the like may be the source of the cellular mixtures. Of particular interest are bone marrow and peripheral blood, although other lymphoid tissues are also of interest, such as spleen, thymus, and lymph node (see Sasaki et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,466,572 and Fei et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,635,387).

Cells of interest will usually be detected and separated by virtue of surface membrane proteins which are characteristic of the cells. For example, CD34 is a marker for 10 immature hematopoietic cells. Markers for dedicated cells may include CD 10, CD19, CD20, and sIg for B cells, CD 15 for granulocytes, CD 16 and CD33 for myeloid cells, CD 14 for monocytes, CD41 for megakaryocytes, CD38 for lineage dedicated cells, CD3, CD4, CD7, CD8 and T cell receptor (TCR) for T cells, Thy-1 for progenitor cells, glycophorin for erythroid progenitors and CD71 for activated T cells. In isolating early 15 progenitors, one may divide a CD34 positive enriched fraction into lineage (Lin) negative, e.g. CD2 -, CD 14 -, CD15 -, CD16 -, CD10 -, CD19 -, CD33 - and glycophorin A - , fractions by negatively selecting for markers expressed on lineage committed cells, Thy-1 positive fractions, or into CD38 negative fractions to provide a composition substantially enriched for early progenitor cells. Other markers of interest include V alpha and V beta chains of the T-cell receptor (Sasaki et al., U. S. Patent No. 5,466,572 (1995)).

After isolation of the appropriate stem cells, total cellular mRNA is isolated from the cell sample. mRNAs are isolated from cells by any one of a variety of techniques.

Numerous techniques are well known (see e..., Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Approach, Cold Spring harbor Press, NY, 1987; Ausbel et., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing Co. NY, 1995). In general, these techniques first lyse the cells and then enrich for or purify RNA. In one such protocol, cells are lysed in a Tris-buffered solution containing SDS. The lysate is extracted with phenol/chloroform, and nucleic acids precipitated. The mRNAs may be purified from

25

30

crude preparations of nucleic acids or from total RNA by chromatography, such as binding and elution from oligo(dT)-cellulose or poly(U)-Sepharose®. However, purification of poly(A)-containing RNA is not a requirement. As stated above, other protocols and methods for isolation of RNAs may be substituted.

The mRNAs are reverse transcribed using an RNA-directed DNA polymerase, such as reverse transcriptase isolated from AMV, MoMuLV or recombinantly produced. Many commercial sources of enzyme are available (e.g. Pharmacia, New England Biolabs, Stratagene Cloning Systems). Suitable buffers., cofactors, and conditions are well known and supplied by manufacturers (see also, Sambrook et al. (1989) Molecular Cloning: a laboratory manual, 2nd Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; and Ausbel et al., (1987) Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing and Wiley-Interscience, N.Y.).

Various oligonucleotides are used in the production of cDNA. In particular, the methods utilize oligonucleotide primers for cDNA synthesis, adapters, and primers for amplification. Oligonucleotides are generally synthesized so single strands by standard chemistry techniques, including automated synthesis. Oligonucleotides are subsequently de-protected and may be purified by precipitation with ethanol, chromatographed using a sized or reversed-phase column, denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, high-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC), or other suitable method. In addition, within certain preferred embodiments, a functional group, such as biotin, is incorporated preferably at the 5' or 3' terminal nucleotide. A biotinylated oligonucleotide may be synthesized using pre-coupled nucleotides, or alternatively, biotin may be conjugated to the oligonucleotide using standard chemical reactions. Other functional groups, such as florescent dyes, radioactive molecules, digoxigenin, and the like, may also be incorporated.

Partially-double stranded adaptors are formed from single stranded oligonucleotides by annealing complementary single-stranded oligonucleotides that are chemically synthesized or by enzymatic synthesis. Following synthesis of each strand, the two oligonucleotide strands are mixed together in a buffered salt solution (e.g., 1 M NaCl, 100 mM Tris-HCl pH.8.0, 10 mM EDTA) or in a buffered solution containing Mg⁺² (e.g.,

10 mM MgCl₂) and annealed by heating to high temperature and slow cooling to room temperature.

The oligonucleotide primer that primes first strand DNA synthesis may comprise a 5' sequence incapable of hybridizing to a polyA tail of the mRNAs, and a 3' sequence that hybridizes to a portion of the polyA tail of the mRNAs and at least one non-polyA nucleotide immediately upstream of the polyA tail. The 5' sequence is preferably a sufficient length that can serve as a primer for amplification. The 5' sequence also preferably has an average G+C content and does not contain large palindromic sequence; some palindromes, such as a recognition sequence for a restriction enzyme, may be acceptable. Examples of suitable 5' sequences are CTCTCAAGGATCTACCGCT (SEQ ID No. _____), CAGGGTAGACGACGCTACGC (SEQ ID No. _____), and TAATACCGCGCCCACATAGCA (SEQ ID No. _____)

The 5' sequence is joined to a 3' sequence comprising sequence that hybridizes to a portion of the polyA tail of mRNAs and at least one non-polyA nucleotide immediately upstream. Although the polyA-hybridizing sequence is typically a homopolymer of dT or dU, it need only contain a sufficient number of dT or dU bases to hybridize to polyA under the conditions employed. Both oligo-dT and oligo-dU primers have been used and give comparable results. Thus, other bases may be interspersed or concentrated, as long as hybridization is not impeded. Typically, 12 to 18 bases or 12 to 30 bases of dT or dU will be used. However, as one skilled in the art appreciates, the length need only be sufficient to obtain hybridization. The non-poly A⁺ nucleotide is A, C, or G, or a nucleotide derivative, such as inosinate. If one non-polyA nucleotide is used, then three oligonucleotide primers are needed to hybridize to all mRNAs. If two non-polyA nucleotides are used, then 12 primers are needed to hybridize to all mRNAs (AA, AC, AG, AT, CA, CC, CG, CT, GA, GC, GG, GT). If three non-poly A nucleotides are used then 48 primers are needed (3 X 4 X 4). Although there is no theoretical upper limit on the number of non-polyA nucleotides, practical considerations make the use of one or

20

30

For cDNA synthesis, the mRNAs are either subdivided into three (if one non-polyA nucleotide is used) or 12 (if two non-polyA nucleotides are used) fractions, each

two non-polyA nucleotides preferable.

-11-

containing a single oligonucleotide primer, or the primers may be pooled and contacted with a mRNA preparation. Other subdivisions may alternatively be used. Briefly, first strand cDNA is initiated from the oligonucleotide primer by reverse transcriptase (RTase). As noted above, RASE may be obtained from numerous sources and protocols are well known. Second strand synthesis may be performed by RASE (Gubler and Hoffman, Gene 25: 263, 1983), which also has a DNA-directed DNA polymerase activity, with or without a specific primer, by DNA polymerase 1 in conjunction with RNaseH and DNA ligase, or other equivalent methods. The double-stranded cDNA is generally treated by phenol:chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation to remove protein and free nucleotides.

Double-stranded cDNA is subsequently digested with an agent that cleaves in a sequence-specific manner. Such cleaving agents include restriction enzymes, chemical cleaving agents, triple helix, and any other cleaving agent available. Restriction enzyme digestion is preferred; enzymes that are relatively infrequent cutters (e.g., \geq 5 bp 15 recognition site) are preferred and those that leave overhanging ends are especially preferred. A restriction enzyme with a six base pair recognition site cuts approximately 8% of cDNAs, so that approximately 12 such restriction enzymes should be needed to digest every cDNA at least once. By using 30 restriction enzymes, digestion of every cDNA is assured.

20

The adapters for use in the present invention are designed such that the two strands are only partially complementary and only one of the nucleic acid strands that the adapter is ligated to can be amplified. Thus, the adapter is partially double-stranded (i.e., comprising two partially hybridized nucleic acid strands), wherein portions of the two strands are non-complementary to each other and portions of the two strands are complementary to each other. Conceptually, the adapter may be "Y-shaped" or "bubbleshaped." When the 5' region is non-paired, the 3' end of other strand cannot be extended by a polymerase to make a complementary copy. The ligated adapter can also be blocked at the 3' end to eliminate extension during subsequent amplifications. Blocking groups include dideoxynucleotides and other available blocking agents. In this type of adapter 30 ("Y-shaped"), the non-complementary portion of the upper strand of the adapters is

-12-

preferably a length that can serve as a primer for amplification. As noted above, the non-complementary portion of the lower strand need only be one base, however, a longer sequence is preferable (e.g., 3 to 20 bases; 3 to 15 bases; 5 to 15 bases, or 14 to 24 bases. The complementary portion of the adapter should be long enough to form a duplex under conditions of ligation.

For "bubble-shaped" adapters, the non-complementary portion of the upper strands is preferably a length that can serve as a primer for amplification. Thus, this portion is preferably 15 to 30 bases. Alternatively, the adapter can have a structure similar to the Y-shaped adapter, but has a 3' end that contains a moiety that a DNA polymerase cannot extend from.

10

Amplification primers are also used in the present invention. Two different amplification steps are performed in the preferred aspect. In the first, the 3' end (referenced to mRNA) of double stranded cDNA that has been cleaved and ligated with an adapter is amplified. For this amplification, either a single primer or a primer pair is used. The sequence of the single primer comprises at least a portion of the 5' sequence of the oligonucleotide primer used for first strand cDNA synthesis. The portion need only be long enough to serve as an amplification primer. The primer pair consists of a first primer whose sequence comprises at least a portion of the 5' sequence of the oligonucleotide primer as described above; and a second primer whose sequence comprises at least a portion of the sequence of one strand of the adapter in the noncomplementary portion. The primer will generally contain all the sequence of the noncomplementary potion, but may contain less of the sequence, especially when the noncomplementary portion is very long, or more of the sequence, especially when the noncomplementary portion is very short. In some embodiments, the primer will contain 25 sequence of the complementary portion, as long as that sequence does not appreciably hybridize to the other strand of the adapter under the amplification conditions employed. For example, in one embodiment, the primer sequence comprises four bases of the complementary region to yield a 19 base primer, and amplification cycles are performed at 56°C (annealing temperature), 72°C (extension temperature), and 94°C (denaturation 30 temperature). In another embodiment, the primer is 25 bases long and has 10 bases of

-13-

sequence in the complementary portion. Amplification cycles for this primer are performed at 68°C (annealing and extension temperature) and 94°C (denaturation temperature). By using these longer primers, the specificity of priming is increased.

The design of the amplification primers will generally follow well-known guidelines,

such as average G-C content, absence of hairpin structures, inability to form primerdimers and the like. At times, however, it will be recognized that deviations from such
guidelines may be appropriate or desirable.

In instances where small numbers of cells are available for the initial RNA extraction, such as small numbers of stem cells, the preferred method of producing a gene expression profile comprises the following general steps. Total RNA is extracted from as few as 5000 stem cells. Using an oligo-dT primer, double stranded cDNA is synthesized and ligated to an adapter in accordance with the present invention. Using adapter primers, the cDNA is PCR amplified using the protocol of Baskaran and Weissman (1996) Genome Research 6(7): 633 and/or Liv et al. (1992) Methods of Enzymology. The original cDNA is therefore amplified several fold so that a large quantity of this cDNA is available for use in the display protocol according to the present invention. For the display, an aliquot of this cDNA is incubated with an anchored oligo-dT primer. In one method, this mixture is first heat denatured and then allowed to remain at 50°C for 5 minutes to allow the anchor nucleotides of the oligo-dT primers to anneal. This provides for the synthesis of cDNA utilizing Klenow DNA polymerase. The 3'-end region of the parent cDNA (mainly the polyA region) that remains single stranded due to pairing and subsequent synthesis of cDNA by the anchored oligo-dT primer at the beginning of the polyA region, is removed by the 5'-3' exonuclease activity of the T4 DNA polymerase. Following incubation of the cDNA with T4 DNA polymerase for this purpose, dNTPs are added in the reaction mixture so that the T4 DNA polymerase initiates synthesis of the DNA over the anchored oligo-dT primer carrying the heel. The net result of this protocol is that the cDNA with the 3' heel is synthesized for display from the double stranded cDNA as the starting material, rather than RNA as the starting material as occurs in conventional 3'end cDNA display protocol. The cDNA carrying the 3'-end heel is then subjected to restriction enzyme digestion, ligation, and PCR amplification followed by running the

PCR amplified 3'-end restriction fragments with the Y-shaped adapter on a display gel. An alternate method is presented in Example 1.

After amplification, the lengths of the amplified fragments are determined. Any procedure that separates nucleic acids on the basis of size and allows detection or identification of the nucleic acids is acceptable. Such procedures include slab gel electrophoresis, capillary gel electrophoresis, 2-dimensional electrophoresis, high performance liquid chromatography, and the like.

Electrophoresis is technique based on the mobility of DNA in an electric field.

Negatively charged DNA migrates towards a positive electrode at a rate dependent on
their total charge, size, and shape. Most often, DNA is electrophoresed in agarose or
polyacrylamide gels. For maximal resolution, polyacrylamide is preferred and for
maximal linearity, a denaturant, such as urea is present. A typical gel setup uses a 19:1
mixture of acrylamide:bisacrylamide and a Tris-borate buffer. DNA samples are
denatured and applied to the gel, which is usually sandwiched between glass plates. A
typical procedure can be found in Sambrook et al. (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory
Approach, Cold Spring Harbor Press, NY, 1989) or Ausbel et al. (Current Protocols in
Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing Co., NY, 1995). Variations may be substituted as
long as sufficient resolution is obtained.

Capillary electrophoresis (CE) in its various manifestations (free solution,
isotachophoresis, isoelectric focusing, polyacrylamide get. micellar electrokinetic
"chromatography") allows high resolution separation of very small sample volumes.
Briefly, in capillary electrophoresis, a neutral coated capillary, such as a 50 µm X 37 cm
column (eCAP neutral, Beckman Instruments, CA), is filled with a linear polyacrylamide
(e.g., 0.2% polyacrylamide), a sample is introduced by high-pressure injection followed
by an injection of running buffer (e.g., 1X TBE). The sample is electrophoresed and
fragments are detected. An order of magnitude increase can be achieved with the use of
capillary electrophoresis. Capillaries may be used in parallel for increased throughput
(Smith et al. (1990) Nuc. Acids. Res. 18:4417; Mathies and Huang (1992) Nature
359:167). Because of the small sample volume that can be loaded onto a capillary,
sample may be concentrated to increase level of detection. One means of concentration

is sample stacking (Chien and Burgi (1992) Anal. Chem 64:489A). In sample stacking, a large volume of sample in a low concentration buffer is introduced to the capillary column. The capillary is then filled with a buffer of the same composition, but at higher concentration, such that when the sample ions reach the capillary buffer with a lower electric field, they stack into a concentrated zone. Sample stacking can increase detection by one to three orders of magnitude. Other methods of concentration, such as isotachophoresis, may also be used.

High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is a chromatographic separation technique that separates compounds in solution. HPLC instruments consist of a reservoir of mobile phase, a pump, an injector, a separation column, and a detector. Compounds are separated by injecting an aliquot of the sample mixture onto the column. The different components in the mixture pass through the column at different rates due to differences in their partitioning behavior between the mobile liquid phase and the stationary phase. IP-RO-HPLC on non-porous PS/DVB particles with chemically bonded alkyl chains can also be used to analyze nucleic acid molecules on the basis of size (Huber et al. (1993) *Anal. Biochem.* 121:351; Huber et al. (1993) *Nuc. Acids Res.* 21:1061; Huber et al. (1993) *Biotechniques* 16:898).

In each of these analysis techniques, the amplified fragments are detected. A variety of labels can be used to assist in detection. Such labels include, but are not limited to, radioactive molecules (e.g., ³⁵S, ³²P, ³³P), fluorescent molecules, and mass spectrometric tags. The labels may be attached to the oligonucleotide primers or to nucleotides that are incorporated during DNA synthesis, including amplification.

Radioactive nucleotides may be obtained from commercial sources; radioactive primers may be readily generated by transfer of label from γ -³²P-ATP to a 5'-OH group by a kinase (e.g., T4 polynucleotide kinase). Detection systems include autoradiograph, phosphor image analysis and the like.

Fluorescent nucleotides may be obtained from commercial sources (e.g., ABI, Foster city, CA) or generated by chemical reaction using appropriately derivatized dyes.

Oligonucleotide primers can be labeled, for example, using succinimidyl esters to conjugate to amine-modified oligonucleotides. A variety of florescent dyes may be used,

30

-16-

including 6 carboxyfluorescein, other carboxyfluorescein derivatives, carboxyfluorescein deriv

After separation of the amplified cDNA fragments, cDNA fragments which correspond to differentially expressed mRNA species are isolated, reamplified and sequenced according to standard procedures. For instance, bands corresponding the cDNA fragments can be cut from the electrophoresis gel, reamplified and subcloned into any available vector, including pCRscript using the PCR script cloning kit (Stratagene). The insert is then sequenced using standard procedures, such as cycle sequencing on an ABI sequencer (Foster City, CA).

5

10

An additional means of analysis comprises hybridization of the amplified fragments to one or more sets of oligonucleotides immobilized on a solid substrate. Historically, the solid substrate is a membrane, such as nitrocellulose or nylon. More recently, the substrate is a silicon wafer or a borosilicate slide. The substrate may be porous (Beattie et al. WO 95/11755) or solid. Oligonucleotides are synthesized in situ or synthesized prior to deposition on the substrate using standard procedures. Various chemistries are known for attaching oligonucleotides. Many of these attachment chemistries rely upon functionalizing oligonucleotides to contain a primary amine group. The oligonucleotides are arranged in an array form, such that the position of each oligonucleotide sequence can be determined.

The amplified fragments, which are generally labeled according to one of the methods described herein, are denatured and applied to the oligonucleotides on the substrate under appropriate salt and temperature conditions. In certain embodiments, the conditions are chosen to favor hybridization of exact complementary matches and disfavor hybridization of mismatches. Unhybridized nucleic acids are washed off and the hybridized molecules detected, generally both for position and quantity. The detection method will depend upon the label used. Radioactive labels, fluorescent labels and mass spectrometry label are among the suitable labels.

-17-

The present invention as set forth in the specific embodiments, includes methods to identify a therapeutic agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation, proliferation and/or survival of stem cells.

As an example, the method to identify an agent that modulates the expression of at

least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation of a stem cell population,
comprises the steps of preparing a first gene expression profile of an undifferentiated
stem cell population, preparing a second gene expression profile of a stem cell population
at a defined stage of differentiation, treating said undifferentiated stem cell population
with the agent, preparing a third gene expression profile of the treated stem cell

population, and comparing the first, second and third gene expression profiles.

Comparison of the three gene expression profiles for RNA species as represented by
cDNA fragments that are differentially expressed upon addition of the agent to the
undifferentiated stem cell population identifies agents that modulate the expression of a
least one gene in undifferentiated stem cells that is associated with stem cell

differentiation.

While the above methods for identifying a therapeutic agent comprise the comparison of gene expression profiles from treated and not-treated stem cells, many other variations are immediately envisioned by one of ordinary skill in the art. As an example, as a variation of a method to identify a therapeutic agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation, the second gene expression profile of a stem cell population at a defined stage of differentiation and the third gene expression profile of the treated stem cell population can each be independently normalized using the first gene expression profile prepared from the undifferentiated stem cell population. Normalization of the profiles can easily be achieved by scanning autoradiographs corresponding to, each profile, and subtracting the digitized values corresponding to each band on the autoradiograph from undifferentiated stem cells from the digitized value for each corresponding band on autoradiographs corresponding to the second and third gene expression profiles. After normalization, the second and third gene expression profiles can be compared directly to detect cDNA fragments which

-18-

correspond to mRNA species which are specifically expressed during differentiation of a stem cell population.

Specific Embodiments

Example 1

5 Production of gene expression profiles generated from cDNAs made with RNA isolated from undifferentiated and partially differentiated stem cells.

Crude Marrow Preparation

Expression profiles of RNA expression levels from undifferentiated stem cells and stems cells at various levels of differentiation, including partially differentiated and terminally differentiated stem cells, offer a powerful means of identifying genes whose expression levels are associated with stem cell differentiation or proliferation. As an example, the production of expression profiles from murine lineage negative, rhodamine low, Hoechst low and rhodamine bright, Hoechst low hematopoietic precursor cells allows for the identification of mRNA species and their encoding genes whose expression levels are associated with stem cell differentiation

Hoechst^{low}/Rhodamine^{low} hematopoietic stem cells were isolated by sacrificing 30 Balb/c female mice (6-12 weeks) and surgically removing the iliac crests, femurs and tibiae. The bones were cleaned and placed in 10 ml PBS/5% HI-FBS on ice. One tube was used for the bones from 10 mice. The bones were ground throughly with a pestle until completely broken. Following grinding, the supernatant was removed into a 50 ml conical tube through a 40 μM filer(Falcon #2340). 10 ml PBS/FBS was added to the mix and the supernatant removed. The supernatant was then centrifuged (1250 rpm) for 5-10 minutes. The supernatant which contains a high concentration of lipid was then decanted and discarded.

The cells were then pooled into 25 or 50 ml fresh PBS/FBS, and tiny bone fragments removed by settling. The cells were then counted in crystal violet. Cells were diluted and underlayed with LSM, centrifuged at 2000rpm(1000xg) for 20 minutes. To harvest the buffy coat, the supernatant was removed to within 1 cm of the cells. The next 8-

-19-

10ml of medium and cells were harvested by swirling the media around in the tube to draw cells from all sides of the gradient. The cell volume was then brought up to 50 ml with PBS/FBS and spun at 1400rpm 5-10 minutes.

Lineage Depletion

5 Cells were counted in Crystal Violet and resuspended in fresh PBS/FBS. Lineagespecific antibodies were added as follows:

	TER 119	0.1µg/ml final concentration
	B220	15μl/10 ⁸ cells
	Mac-1	15μl/10 ⁸ cells
10	Gr-1	15μl/10 ⁸ cells
	Lyt-2	1/20 final dilution
	L3T4	1/20 final dilution
	Yw25.12.7	1/100 final dilution

The cells were incubated on ice for 15 minutes, brought to a volume of 50ml with PBS/FBS and collected at 1400rpm for 5-10 minutes, and washed to remove unbound antibodies.

During the antibody binding step, Magnetic Beads(Dynabeads M-450) were prepared at a ratio of 5 beads/cell. The beads were coated with Sheep anti-Rat antibodies that bind to the lineage-specific antibodies, which are all of rat origin. When the beads are placed in a magnetic field, the Lin⁺ cells are removed. The resulting supernatant contains the Lin population (granulocytes and lymphocyte populations will be substantially depleted or absent after this step.)

Hoechst/Rhodamine Staining

Rhodamine 123 was added to a final concentration of 0.1 µg/ml, then incubated at 32°C for 20 minutes in the dark. Without further manipulation or washing, HOECHST 33342 was added to a final concentration of 10µM then incubated at 37°C for an additional hour. The aliquot of crude marrow was brought to 0.5 ml with PBS/FBS and Hoechst to this cell preparation as well. The volume was brought to 50 ml with PBS/FBS, centrifuged at 1400rpm for 5-10 minutes, supernatant discarded and cells resuspended to 2x10⁷ cells/ml. The rhodamine only and Hoechst Only/Crude Marrow

were washed in parallel. These two populations were then resuspended in 0.5ml PBS/FBS for flow cytometry analysis

Total RNA was extracted from approximately 5000 stem cells. Using an oligo-dT primer, double stranded cDNA is synthesized and ligated to an adapter in accordance with the present invention. Using adapter primers, the cDNA is PCR amplified using the protocol of Baskaran and Weissman (1996) Genome Research 6(7): 633 and Lie et al., Methods of Enzymology, ____. The original cDNA is therefore amplified several fold so that a large quantity of this cDNA is available for use in the display protocol according to the present invention.

10 Synthesis of cDNA for the gene expression profiles was performed as below:

Materials and Reagents

A microPoly(A)Pure mRNA Isolation kit (Ambion Inc.) was used for mRNA isolation. All the reagents for cDNA synthesis were obtained from Life Technologies Inc. Klentaq1 DNA polymerase (25U/µl) was from Ab peptides Inc. Native Pfu DNA polymerase (2.5U/µl) was purchased from Stratagene Inc. Betaine monohydrate was from Fluka BioChemica and dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) was from Sigma Chemical Company. Deoxynucleoside triphophates (dNTPs, 100mM) and bovine serum albumin (BSA, 10 mg/ml) were purchased from New England Biolabs, Inc. Qiaquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen) was used to purify the amplified PCR products. The oligonucleotides used in the Examples were synthesized and gel purified in the DNA synthesis laboratory (Department of Pathology, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT).

Table 1. Sequences of oligonucleotides.

T ₇ -SalI-oligo-d(T)V	5'-ACG TAA TAC GAC TCA CTA TAG GGC GAA TTG GGT CGA C-d (T) $_{12}$ V-3', where V = A, C, G
anti-N tl Long	5'-CTT ACA GCG GCC GCT TGG ACG-3'

-21-

NotI Short	5'-AGC GGC CGC TGT AAG-3'
NotI/RI primer	5'-GCG GAA TTC CGT CCA AGC GGC CGC TGT AAG-3'

Methods

I. Preparation of mRNA

MicroPoly(A)Pure mRNA isolation kit was used for the isolation of Poly(A)* RNA following the kit instructions. mRNA from a small number of mouse hematopoietic cells (5,000-10,000 cells) was extracted, eluted from the column, and precipitated by adding 0.1 volume of 5M ammonium acetate and 2.5 volumes of chilled ethanol with 2μg glycogen as carrier. The tubes were left at -20°C overnight. The pellets were collected by centrifugation at top speed for 30 minutes, washed with 70% ethanol and air-dried at room temperature. The pellets were resuspended in 10μl H₂O/0.1mM EDTA solution. We observed that the dissolved mRNA solution was cloudy due to the leaching of column materials, therefore the samples were centrifuged at 4°C for 5 minutes. The supernatant was collected for further use.

15 II. cDNA synthesis

First strand cDNA synthesis

The cDNA synthesis reaction (final reaction volume is 20μ l) was carried out as described in the instruction manual (Superscript Choice System) provided by Life Technologies Inc. For the first strand cDNA synthesis, mRNA (10μ l) isolated from a small number of cells was annealed with 200ng (1μ l) of T_{τ} SalI-oligo-d(T)V-primer (see Table-1) in a 0.5-ml micro centrifuge tube (no stick, USA Scientific Plastics) by heating the tubes at $65\,^{\circ}$ C for 5 minutes, followed by quick chilling on ice for 5 minutes. This step was repeated

once and the contents were collected at the bottom of the tube by a brief centrifugation. The following components were added to the primer annealed mRNA on ice prior to initiating the reaction, 1μ l of 10mM dNTPs, 4μ l of 5 x first strand buffer [250mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.3), 375mM KCl, 15mM MgCl₂], 2μ l of 100mM DTT and 1μ l of RNase Inhibitor (40U/ μ l). All the contents were mixed gently and the tubes were pre-warmed at 45°C for 2 minutes. The cDNA synthesis was initiated by adding 200 units (1μ l) of Superscript II Reverse Transcriptase and the incubation continued at 45°C for 1 hour.

Second strand cDNA synthesis

25

At the end of first strand cDNA synthesis, the tubes were kept on ice. Second strand cDNA synthesis reaction (final volume is 150µl) was set up in the same tube on ice by adding 91 µl of nuclease free water, 30µl of 5x second strand buffer [100mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.9), 23mM MgCl₂, 450mM KCl, 0.75mM (β-NAD+ and 50mM ammonium sulfate], 3μ l of 10mM dNTPs, 1μ l of E.coli DNA ligase (10U/ μ l), 4μ l of *E.coli* DNA polymerase I ($10U/\mu 1$) and $1\mu 1$ of *E.coli* RNase H ($2U/\mu 1$). The contents were 15 mixed gently and the tubes were incubated at 16°C for 2 hours. Following the incubation, the tubes were kept on ice, $2\mu l$ of T_4 DNA polymerase $(3U/\mu l)$ was added and the incubation was continued for another 5 minutes at 16°C. The reaction was stopped by the addition of 10µl of 0.5M EDTA (pH 8.0) and extracted once with equal volume of phenol: chloroform 1:1 (v/v) and once with chloroform. The aqueous phase was then transferred to a new tube and precipitated by adding 0.5 volumes of 7.5M ammonium 20 acetate (pH 7.6), 2µg of glycogen (as carrier) and 2.5 volumes of chilled ethanol. The samples were left at -20°C for overnight and the cDNA pellets were collected by centrifugation at top speed for 20 minutes. The pellets were washed once with 70% ethanol, air-dried and dissolved in $14\mu l$ of nuclease free water.

As the amount of cDNA derived from a small number of cells may be low, it may be necessary to amplify the cDNA for further analysis. To uniformly amplify the cDNA, an adaptor (NotI adaptor) was first ligated to both ends of the cDNA. Following adaptor -

ligation, the cDNAs were amplified with NotI/RI primer (see table 1), by a modified PCR method using betaine and DMSO.

Ligation of cDNA with NotI adaptor

Preparation of NotI adaptor: The NotI adaptor was prepared by annealing

NotI-short and anti-NotI-long oligonucleotides (see Table 1). The anti-NotI-long
oligonucleotide was phosphorylated to ensure that both the adaptor oligonucleotides are
ligated to the cDNA. 1μg of anti-NotI-long was mixed with 1μl of 10x T₄ polynucleotide
kinase buffer [700mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 100mM MgCl₂ and 50mM DTT], 1μl of
10mM adenosine triphosphate (ATP), adjusted the volume to 9μl with water and the
reaction was initiated by adding 1μl of T₄ polynucleotide kinase (10U/μl). The tubes were
incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes and then the enzyme was inactivated at 65°C for 20
minutes. The annealing was carried out by adding the following components to the above
phosphorylated anti-NotI-long: 1μg of NotI-short, 2μl of 10x oligo annealing buffer
[100mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 10mM EDTA (pH 8.0) and 1M NaCl] and water to adjust
the final volume to 20μl. The sample was heated at 65°C for 10 minutes and allowed to
cool down to room temperature. The annealed adaptor was stored at -20°C.

Ligation of cDNA with annealed NotI adaptor: To set up this reaction, $14\mu l$ of cDNA was mixed with 100ng of annealed NotI adaptor in a 0.5-ml micro centrifuge tube. To this mixture $2\mu l$ of 10x T₄ DNA ligase buffer [500mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.8), 100mM MgCl₂, 100mM DDT, 10mM ATP and 250mg/ml BSA] was added and adjusted the volume with water to $18\mu l$ and mixed gently. The reaction was initiated by adding $2\mu l$ of T₄ DNA ligase (400U/ μl) and incubated at 16° C overnight.

III. cDNA amplification

20

A modified betaine-DMSO PCR method (Baskaran et al. (1996)) Genome

25 Research 6:633) was used to uniformly amplify the cDNA with different GC content.

This method uses the LA system, which combines a highly thermostable form of Taq

DNA polymerase (Klentaq1, which is devoid of 5'-exonuclease activity) and a

proofreading enzyme (Pfu DNA polymerase, which has 3'-exonuclease activity). The

LA16 enzyme consists of 1 part of Pfu DNA polymerase and 15 parts of KlenTaq1 DNA Polymerase (v/v). The NotI adaptor-ligated cDNA was diluted 10 fold with water. 2 μl of this diluted cDNA was used as the template for PCR. The PCR reaction (50μl final volume) was set up with the following components: 5μl of 10x PCR buffer [200mM 5 Tris-HCl (pH 9.0), 160mM ammonium sulfate and 25mM MgCl₂], 16μl of water, 0.8μl of BSA (l0mg/ml), 1μl of NotI/RI PCR primer (l00ng/ul), 5μl of 50% DMSO (v/v), 15μl of 5M Betaine and 0.2μl of LA16 enzyme. These components were mixed gently on ice and then heated to 95°C for 15 seconds on a PCR machine, and held at 80°C while 5μl of 2mM dNTPs were added to start the reaction. The PCR conditions were as follows: Stage 1: 95°C for 15 seconds, 55°C for 1 minute, 68°C for 5 minutes, 5 cycles. Stage 2: 95°C for 15 seconds, 60°C for 1 minute, 68°C for 5 minutes, 15 cycles.

After amplification, cDNA was purified with the Qiaquick PCR purification kit (following the instructions provided by the supplier). The purified cDNA was eluted in the desired volume of water.

Gene expression profiles were prepared from the purified cDNA as previously described by Prashar et al. in WO 97/05286 and in Prashar et al. (1996) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 93:659-663. Briefly, the adapter oligonucleotide sequences were CTTACAGCGGCCGCTTGGACG, GAATGTCGCCGGCGA or alternatively, A1 (TAGCGTCCGGCGCAGCGACGGCCAG) and

A2 (GATCCTGGCCGTCGGCTGTCTGTCGGCGC). When A1/A2 were used, one microgram of oligonucleotide A2 was first phosphorylated at the 5' end using T4 polynucleotide kinase (PNK). After phosphorylation, PNK was heated denatured, and 1μg of the oligonucleotide A1 was added along with 10× annealing buffer (1 M NaC1/100 mM Tris-HCl, pH8.0/10 mM EDTA, pH8.0) in a final vol of 20 μl. This

mixture was then heated at 65°C for 10 min followed by slow cooling to room temperature for 30 min, resulting in formation of the Y adapter at a final concentration of $100 \text{ ng/}\mu$ l. About 20 ng of the cDNA was digested with 4 units of a restriction enzyme such as ClaI, Bgl II, etc. in a final vol of 10μ l for 30 min at 37°C. Two microliters (≈ 4 ng of digested cDNA) of this reaction mixture was then used for ligation to 100 ng (≈ 50 -

fold) of the Y-shaped adapter in a final vol of 5μ l for 16 hr at 15°C. After ligation, the

reaction mixture was diluted with water to a final vol of 80 μ l (adapter ligated cDNA concentration, $\approx 50 \text{ pg/}\mu$ l) and heated at 65°C for 10 min to denature T4 DNA ligase, and 2- μ l aliquots (with $\approx 100 \text{ pg}$ of cDNA) were used for PCR.

The following sets of primers were used for PCR amplification of the adapter 5 ligated 3'-end cDNAs: GCGGAATTCCGTCCAAGCGGCCGCTGTAAG or alternatively, RP 5.0 (CTCTCAAGGATCTTACCGCTT 18AT), RP 6.0 (TAATACCGCGCCACATAGCAT 18CG), or RP 9.2 (CAGGGTAGACGACGCTACGCT₁₈GA) were used as 3' primer while A1.1 (TAGCGTCCGGCGCAGCGAC) served as the 5' primer. To detect the PCR products 10 on the display gel, 24 pmol of oligonucleotide A1.1 was 5' -end-labeled using 15 μ l of [γ -32 P]ATP (Amersham; 3000 Ci/mmol) and PNK in a final volume of 20 μ l for 30 min at 37°C. After heat denaturing PNK at 65°C for 20 min, the labeled oligonucleotide was diluted to a final concentration of 2 μ M in 80 μ l with unlabeled oligonucleotide A1.1. The PCR mixture (20 μ l) consisted of 2 μ l (=100 pg) of the template, 2μ l of 10× PCR buffer (100 mM Tris·HCl, pH 8.3/500 mM KCl), 2 μ l of 15 mM MgCl, to yield 1.5 mM final Mg2+ concentration optimum in the reaction mixture, 200 µM dNTPs, 200 nM each 5' and 3' PCR primers, and 1 unit of Amplitaq. Primers and dNTPs were added after preheating the reaction mixture containing the rest of the components at 85°C. This "hot start" PCR was done to avoid artefactual amplification arising out of arbitrary annealing 20 of PCR primers at lower temperature during transition from room temperature to 94°C in the first PCR cycle. PCR consisted of 28-30 cycles of 94°C for 30 sec, 50°C for 2 min. and 72°C for 30 sec. A higher number of cycles resulted in smeary gel patterns. PCR products (2.5 μ l) were analyzed on 6% polyacrylamide sequencing gel. For double or multiple digestion following adapter ligation, 13.2 μ l of the ligated cDNA sample was digested with a secondary restriction enzyme(s) in a final vol of 20 μ l. From this solution, 3μ l was used as template for PCR. This template vol of 3 μ l carried ≈ 100 pg of the cDNA and 10 mM MgCl₂ (from the 10× enzyme buffer), which diluted to the optimum of 1.5 mM in the final PCR vol of 20 μ l. Since Mg²⁺ comes from the restriction enzyme buffer, it was not included in the reaction mixture when amplifying 30 secondarily cut cDNA. Bands may then be extracted from the display gels as described

by Liang et al. (1995 Curr. Opin. Immunol. 7:274-280), reamplified using the 5' and 3' primers, and subcloned into pCR-Script with high efficiency using the PCR-Script cloning kit from Stratagene. Plasmids were sequenced by cycle sequencing on an ABI automated sequencer.

Figure 1 presents an autoradiogram of the gene expression profiles generated from cDNAs made with RNA isolated from Lin⁺, LRH, LRH48 and LRBRH cells. All possible 12 anchoring oligo d(T)n1, n2 were used to generate a complete expression profile for the enzyme ClaI.

Table 2 presents the sequences of numerous differentially expressed bands from 10 expression profiles made from LIN*, LRH, LRH48 and LRBRH.

Table 3 presents the expression patterns of the differentially expressed bands set forth in Table 2. The band fragment length (size) in Table 3 is the length before unwanted terminal sequences were removed. Table 3 also presents the results of a GenBank Search and analysis of the sequences of Table 2.

Summary of Known Gener from Moure USC Differential Dhiplay (1)

Items No.	Sire	Enzyme	NIN	Polit 11		Feperal	Frpression pattern	f.B.	Ciene Bank Search & Analysis
	(dq)		(olige-dT)	Sign	u -	IKH	I.KII48 I.RIIRII	LRIIRII	
HSC-DD-006	213	8gl !!	νC	fair	0	3+	,	٠	mouse homeobox prolein
HSC-DD-285	158	Xba i	99	pood	*	٠	•	*	human homeobox gene regulator
HSC-DD-007B	213	Bgtt	ΨC	fair	*	2+	,	*	human zinc finger prolein 10
HSC-DD-238	363	Xba I	AG	pood	3+	0	3+	3+	mouse cell division control protein 19
HSC-00-206	123	Xba I	VC	pood	3+	0	2+	+	human HS1 heamatopoletic protein
HSC-DD-214	192	Xbel	νC	lak	*	2+	0	3+	mouse pim-1 proto-oncagene
HSC-DD-035 ·	151	Bot II	VC	fat	#	2+	1	+	mouse thyroid hormone receptor
HSC-DD-129	234	Cle	AC	poor	0	3+	0	0	mouse mositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor
HSC-DD-040	220	Bgf 11	νC	lair	+	2+	1	0	mouse G prolein bela-36 subunit
HSC-DD-011	173	8gi II	νC	pood	#	*	1	2+	mouse ras-related YPT1 protein
HSC-DD-121	186	Clai	CT	poor	0	3+	*	1	human TBP-associated factor 170
HSC-DD-015B	133	8ql !!	ĐÝ	poor	0	3+	,	•	mouse HMG1-related DNA binding protein
HSC-DD-039	206	BgtII	¥C	(at	2+	÷	,	4+	mouse TAX responsive element binding protein 107
HSC-DD-042	235	Bgt 11	¥C	fak	*	0	1	•	mouse retinoblastoma binding protein isoform III
HSC-DD-256	272	Xba l	*	poor	0	2.	#	0	Rat androgen-binding protein
HSC-DD-045	270	Bgf 11	Ų	pood	#	2;	1	*	similar to Rat cca2
HSC-DD-068	16 2	Clal	¥C	fair	٠	÷	÷	+	mouse jerky mRNA
HSC-DD-143	350	Clal	¥G	lair	*	5.	#	+4	similar to human memd
HSC-0D-263	292	Xba I	AT	pood	0	2.	*	0	mouse interfeukin 5
HSC-DD-239	156	Xba1	క	pood	*	÷	÷	•	human CD9
HSC-DD-261	115	Xba I	\$	D000	0	٠	0	0	mouse permitte light
NSC DO 028A	S	Byte	¥	Dog	•	+	,	•	mouse chaperonan continuing ICP-1 e subunit
15C 00 021	3	By U	Ş	3	-	•	,	7:	musso cateliculm
11SC DD 025	3%	B	¥g	Donod	-	~	7		mouse metalkulumen i

Summary of Known Cener from Moure HSC Differential Display (11)

lems N .	Size	Enzyme	NIN	Poly(A)		Figure	Frpression pattern	ra	Gene Bank Search & Analysis
	(hp)		(olige-dT)	Sign	l in ·	1 K11	I.KII4K	I.KII4K I.RURII	
HSC-DD-077	203	Clai	νc	good	٠	2•	2+	3+	Rat matrin cyclophäin
HSC-DD-200	450	Cla I	*	fair	+	#	2+	+	mouse G-utrophin
HSC-DD-245	272	Xba I	క	fat	3+	#	3+	2+	ral basement membrane-associated chondroitin
HSC-DD-226	387	Xbai	νc	D000	#	3+	#	0	mouse cytoplasmic g-actin
HSC-DD-182	189	Clal	၁စ	poor	#	3+	7	•	mouse A·X actin
HSC-DD-089	364	Clal	YC	poor	+	3+	2+	٠	mouse TIE receptor tyrosine kinase
HSC-DD-151	424 ·	Çla I	GA	pood	0	•	2+	*	ratett, brain-specific receptor tyrosine kinase
HSC-DD-013	248	Bgi II	VC	lair	#	2+	1	3+	mouse hexokinase
HSC-DD-029	103	Bgill	νC	lak	0	+	1	0	mouse bruton agammaglobulinemia tyrosine kinasa
HSC-DD-034	140	Bgf II	V C	lak	0	2+	,	2+	mouse spermine synthase
HSC-DD-082B	244	Cta I	AC	lak	+	4+	2+	2+	mouse stearoy-CoA desalurase (SCD2)
HSC-DD-084	261	Clal	AC	pood	#	+	#	2+	mouse antioxidant enzyme AOE 372
HSC-DD-128	169	Clai	ĄĊ	fair	0	3+	3+	#	mouse casein kinase II beta chain
HSC-DD-140	229	Clai	ΑG	pood	#	0	0	+	mouse creatine kinase B
HSC-DD-148	313	Clai	₽	pood	+	•	2+	#	human esterase D
HSC-DD-176	470	Clai	93	fair	#	3+	+	0	mouse putative E1-E2 ATPase
HSC-00-178	130	Clal	၁ဗ	pood	*	3+	0	•	mouse espartate aminotransferase
HSC-DD-180	142	Cta l	႘ၟ	pood	٠	+	0	+	mouse tyrosyprolein sulfotransferase-1
HSC-DD-186	252	Clal	႘ၟ	poor	*	+	2*	2+	mouse ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E214K
HSC-DD-191	136	Cla1	*	lair	0	• 44	3+	2+	mouse b-1,4-galaciosyltransferase
HSC-DD-158	391	Clai	GT	lair	٠	3+	0	+	spermophilus Indecemtineatus 26s profeasome
HSC-DD-099	265	Clal	သ	lair	*	3+	0	Į,	mouse proleasome epsilon chain precursor
HSC-00-222	270	Xba I	ΥC	pood	0	2.	3•	•	Rai 3-hydroxyrso- butyrate
HSC-DD-104	368	Clair	ည	Tag.	0	-	٠	4	human copper chaperone for superoxide dismutase
11SC-DD-172	365	Clai	၁	3	•	3•	2.	0	mouse Ercc 4 DNA repair gene
11SC-DD-169	223	Cla I	၁	Je!	-	1	2.	0	Circelulus gisseus flucksifikle excisim fepair profein
HSC-DD-003A	148	Bgill	AC	poor	0		,	1	human Girch sequence factor

-28-

SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 26)

Summary of Known Genes from Mouse USC Differential Display (III)

Gene Bank Search & Analysis	RIL	mouse elongation factor 1-a	human elongation factor-1-detta	Rat elongation factor-1-alpha	human splicing factor (SFRS7)	mouse transcription elongation factor S-II-T1	mouse translation initiation factor 4E	mouse protein synthesis elongation factor	mouse protein synthesis elongation factor Tu	ret histone macroH2A1.2	mouse MER9 processed pseudogene	mouse heat shock protein 70	mouse 84 kD heat shock protein	mouse heat shock protein 70 cognate	mouse breast heat shock protein 73	mouse MHC locus II region	mouse MHC class III region	mouse ribosomal protein S4	mouse ribosomal protein S12	mouse ribosoarri protein S20	mouse ribosomal protein L.7	rat ribosomal protein L23a	mouse LINE-1A.1 element	mouse (1Md A13 repetitive sequenc	
er.	LRB	٠	#	*	•	0	0	•	0	4	2+	2+	2+	•	*	#	0	+	3+	2.	ċ	٠	٠	•	
lon pati	LRII48 LRBRII	#	•	4	•	*	#	÷	+	÷	÷	•	0	9 €	0	0	1	1	* Z	2+	1	-	-	-	
Expression pattern	I.RII	3•	•	•	3+	2+	÷	3+	3+	+	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+	3+	+	+	2+	3•	3.	٠	÷	:	
	l.m+	٠	*	*	#	0	0	#	#	4+	•	+	#	‡	#	+	0	2+	7+	2.	•	-	٠	-	
Poly(A)	Sign	lair	lair	poor	tok	feir	poor	fair	lair	poor	pood	pood	fair	pood	lair	fak	pood	lair	pood	pood	pood	3	3	3	
ZZZZ	(oligo-dT)	ည	၁၅	ď	¥C	19	νC	VC	93	5	ჯ	99	ď	Ν	၁၅	ဘ	₽V	AG	AC	VC	¥C	5	¥C	ΨĊ	
Enzyme		Clai	Xbail	S	Xbai	- P	Xba I	Clal	Clai	Xba t	Xba I	Clai	Clal	C _B I	Cla 1	- ਨੂੰ	Bgtti	Bgiti	Cla I	Cla I	Bgill	Ces	Both	Cel	
Size	G	1.0	480	267	178	8	. 162	375	367	룕	356	281	326	283	961	331	215	505	146	<u>851</u>	922	191	8	192	
Items No.		HSC-DD-092	HSC-DD-288	HSC-DD-114	HSC-DD\213	HSC-00-155	HSC-DD-212	HSC-DD-090	HSC-DD-173	HSC-DD-249	HSC-DD-250	HSC-DD-108	HSC-DD-116	HSC-DD-168	HSC-DD-184	HSC-DD-101	HSC-DD-017	HSC-DD-026	HSC-DD-064	HSC-DD-066	HSC-DD 041	111 00 111	HSC DO 0288	18C 00 142	

PCT/US98/17283 WO 99/10535

-30-

As is apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art, this same procedure can be used to identify stem cells genes whose expression levels are associated with stem cell proliferation, dedicated differentiation and survival.

5 Example 2

10

20

Method to identify a therapeutic agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation process of a stem cell population.

The methods set forth in Example 1 offer a powerful approach for identifying therapeutic agents that modulate the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation process of a stem cell population. For instance, gene expression profiles of undifferentiated stem cells and partially differentiated or terminally differentiated stem cells are prepared as set forth in Example 1. A profile is also prepared from an undifferentiated stem cell sample that has been exposed to the agent to be tested. By examining for differences in the intensity of individual bands between the three 15 profiles, agents which up or down regulate genes associated with the differentiation process of a stem cell population are identified.

Example 3

Method to identify a therapeutic agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the proliferation of a stem cell population.

The methods set forth in Example 1 offer a powerful approach for identifying therapeutic agents that modulate the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the proliferation of a stem cell population. For instance, gene expression profiles of undifferentiated stem cells and actively proliferating stem cells are prepared as set forth in Example 1. A profile is also prepared from an undifferentiated stem cell sample that has been exposed to the agent to be tested. By examining for differences in the intensity of individual bands between the three profiles, agents which up or down regulate genes associated with the proliferation of a stem cell population are identified.

As is apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art, this same procedure can be used to identify stem cells genes whose expression levels are associated with stem cell dedicated differentiation and survival.

Example 4

5 Production of solid support compositions comprising groupings of nucleic acids or nucleic acid fragments that correspond to genes whose expression levels are associated with the differentiation, proliferation, dedicated differentiation or survival of stem cells.

As set forth in Example 1, expression profiles prepared from stem cells at different stages of differentiation, from proliferating stem cells, from stem cells that are dedicated to a differentiation pathway and from stem cells resistant to apoptosis (which may be linked to increased survival) provide a means to identify genes whose expression levels are associated with stem cell differentiation, proliferation, dedicated differentiation and survival, respectively.

Solid supports can be prepared that comprise immobilized representative 15 groupings of nucleic acids or nucleic acid fragments corresponding to the genes from stem cells whose expression levels are modulated during stem cell differentiation, proliferation, dedicated differentiation and survival. For instance, representative nucleic acids can be immobilized to any solid support to which nucleic acids can be immobilized, such as positively charged nitrocellulose or nylon membranes (see Sambrook et al. 20 (1989) Molecular Cloning: a Laboratory Manual, 2nd Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory) as well as porous glass wafers such as those disclosed by Beattie (WO 95/11755). Nucleic acids are immobilized to the solid support by well established techniques, including charge interactions as well as attachment of derivatized nucleic acids to silicon dioxide surfaces such as glass which bears a terminal epoxide moiety. At least one species of nucleic acid molecule, or fragment of a nucleic acid molecule corresponding to the genes from stem cells whose expression levels are modulated during stem cell differentiation, proliferation, dedicated differentiation and survival may be immobilized to the solid support. A solid support comprising a representative grouping of nucleic acids can then be used in standard hybridization assays to detect the presence

PCT/US98/17283

-32-

WO 99/10535

or quantity of one or more specific nucleic acid species in a sample (such as a total cellular mRNA sample or cDNA prepared from said mRNA) which hybridize to the nucleic acids attached to the solid support. Any hybridization methods, reactions, conditions and/or detection means can be used, such as those disclosed by Sambrook et al. (1989) Molecular Cloning: a Laboratory Manual, 2nd Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Ausbel et al. (1987) Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing and Wiley-Interscience. N.Y. or Beattie in WO 95/11755.

One of ordinary skill in the art may determine the optimal number of genes that must be represented by nucleic acid fragments immobilized on the solid support to effectively differentiate between samples that are at the various stages of stem cell differentiation, including terminal differentiation, proliferating stem cells, stem cells dedicated to a given differentiation pathway and/or stem cells with increased survival rates. Preferably, at least about 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 500, 1000 or more preferably, substantially all of the detectable mRNA species in a cell sample or 15 population will be present in the gene expression profile or array affixed to a solid support. More preferably, such profiles or arrays will contain a sufficient representative number of mRNA species whose expression levels are modulated under the relevant differentiation process, disease, screening, treatment or other experimental conditions. In most instances, a sufficient representative number of such mRNA species will be about 1, 20 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 50-75 or 100 in number and will be represented by the nucleic acid molecules or fragments of nucleic acid molecules immobilized on the solid support. For example, nucleic acids encoding all or a fragment of one or more of the known genes or previously reported ESTs that are identified in Tables 2 and 3 may be so immobilized. Additionally, the skilled artisan may select nucleic acids encoding the protein cell surface markers discussed above at page 8 (i.e., CD 34) in order to help identify the particular stage of differentiation of a given stem cell population and to identify agents that are involved in promoting such differentiation. The skilled artisan will be able to optimize the number and particular nucleic acids for a given purpose, i.e., screening for modulating agents, identifying activated stem cells, etc.

20

In general, nucleic acid fragments comprising at least one of the sequences or part of one of the sequences of Table 2 can be used as probes to screen nucleic acid samples from cell populations in hybridization assays. Alternatively, nucleic acid fragments derived from the identified genes in Table 3 which correspond to the sequences of Table 2 may be employed as probes. To ensure specificity of a hybridization assay using probe derived from the sequences presented in Table 2 or the genes of Table 3, it is preferable to design probes which hybridize only with target nucleic acid under conditions of high stringency. Only highly complementary nucleic acid hybrids form under conditions of high stringency. Accordingly, the stringency of the assay conditions determines the amount of complementarity which should exist between two nucleic acid strands in order to form a hybrid. Stringency should be chosen to maximize the difference in stability between the probe:target hybrid and potential probe:non-target hybrids.

Probes may be designed from the sequences of Table 2 or the genes of Table 3 through methods known in the art. For instance, the G+C content of the probe and the probe length can affect probe binding to its target sequence. Methods to optimize probe specificity are commonly available in Sambrook et al. (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Approach, Cold Spring Harbor Press, NY, 1989) or Ausubel et al. (Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing Co., NY, 1995). Any available format may be used in designing hybridization assays, including immobilizing the probes to a solid support or immobilizing the cellular test sample nucleic acids to a solid support.

It should be understood that the foregoing discussion and examples merely present a detailed description of certain preferred embodiments. It therefore should be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art that various modifications and equivalents can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. All documents, patents and references, including provisional patent application 60/056,861, referred to throughout this application are herein incorporated by reference.

10

population;

What is Claimed Is:

- 1. A method to identify an agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the differentiation process of a stem cell population, comprising the steps of:
- 5 preparing a first gene expression profile of an undifferentiated stem cell population;

preparing a second gene expression profile of a stem cell population at a defined stage of differentiation;

treating said undifferentiated stem cell population with the agent;
preparing a third gene expression profile of the treated undifferentiated stem cell population;

comparing the first, second and third gene expression profiles; and identifying an agent that modulates the expression of a least one gene in undifferentiated stem cells that is associated with stem cell differentiation.

- 2. A method to identify an agent that modulates the expression of at least one stem cell gene associated with the proliferation of a stem cell population, comprising the steps of:
 - preparing a first gene expression profile of a non-proliferating stem cell population;
- preparing a second gene expression profile of a proliferating stem cell population;

treating the non-proliferating stem cell population with the agent; preparing a third gene expression profile of the treated stem cell

comparing the first, second and third gene expression profiles; and identifying an agent that modulates the expression of a least one gene that is associated with stem cell proliferation.

3. A composition comprising a grouping of nucleic acid molecules that correspond to at least part of the sequences of Table 2 or genes of Table 3 affixed to a solid support.

FIG. 1

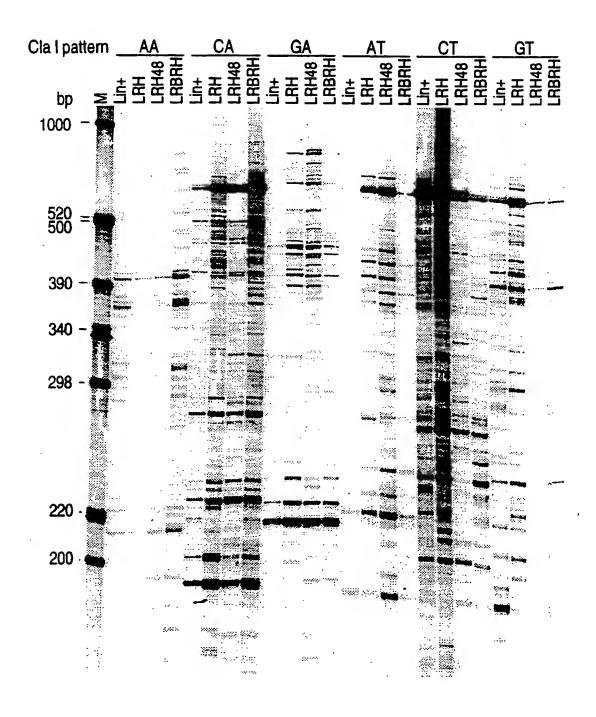
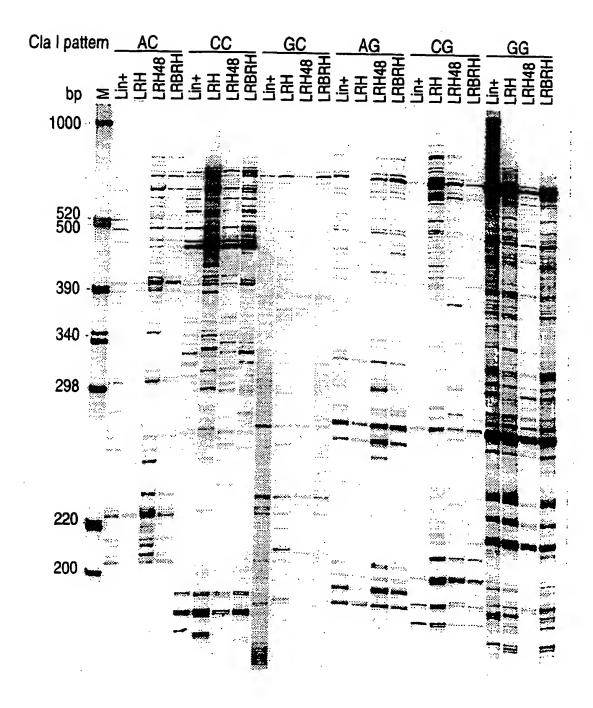


FIG. I (Cont.)



SEQUENCE LISTING

```
<110> Yale University
<120> A PROCESS TO STUDY CHANGES IN GENE EXPRESSION IN STEM
<130> 44574-5014-WO
<140> PCT/US98/17283
<141> 1998-08-21
<160> 93
<170> PatentIn Ver. 2.0
<210> 1
<211> 178
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 1
tttaattagc gctctatata cattgcggaa cttcccccga ctgcagcagt ttgactttgg 60
cacaacatca agttccattt cttttggaca ttggattctg ttttganagt atgtatgccc 120
caaagcattt tcagtgtcat caggattagt tgggcccatt cacagtaatt cananatc 178
<210> 2
<211> 148
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 2
tagaatacct ggatggcttc tcttgtccac ccgatctccc gtgttaccaa tgtgtatggt 60
ctccttctcc cgaaagtgta cttaatcttt gctttctttg cacaatgtct ttggttgcaa 120
gtcataagcc tgaggcaaat aaaattcc
<210> 3
<211> 203
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 3
gatetggeta gaeagttatt etgaactatg getteaagat gaacaagaea ageetaaaag 60
gatggagaga ggcaatggag ataatgtttt ggaggaagta tgtcactcaa gcatgaactc 120
tgtttattta gaaatgagat tccatatatg tggtacatgt ggaaagaatc taaaaagtcc 180
tttaaatttt ttcattccaa aag ,
<210> 4
<211> 336
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
```

```
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 4
ctnnannage actettettg gecagacete tgtccaagge teattagaaa getggggttn 60
tgtncacgtn acnnacttna tcnaaactnt tgctgtnttg gcataagttg tgtntctgga 120
ctgtnntgta ttcccctcta gacaaaggan caacnnaaaa gtnnttgcnn nctttnccag 180
aacatnetca aageetniga iggaggagea caaggaeeet gietgeigag ggeeeaiggn 240
tecteteagg ggtttetnee cacenaggea gtgeetteat tngetagtng tneagttaet 300
tgtagnttat ctttnaataa atttnaataa aancta
<210> 5
<211> 113
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 5
ctagattqtq tqqtttqcct cattqtqcta tttqcqcact ttccttccct qaaqaaatan 60
ctgtgaanct tctttctgtt Cagtcctaan attcnaaata nagtgagact atg
<210> 6
<211> 164
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
ctcaagnacg ggccaggtaa gggcctttaa cacaactaaa tcaaggtgtg cttncctccg 60
ggttctatgc aagcaaggca tacacactgc actotonono tonotaaact ggaaangtac 120
                                                                   164
agtngcaggg ctggtttcag acnacgtgat gcntgtttac aaac
<210> 7
<211> 141
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 7
tttttattca atatattaaa tatattaatc agaaaagtca catcctataa atccaggaaa 60
atacacaaat ataaatcaga atctgtcaat caccttcttg agtgacagtt atgtacacat 120
ggaaggagag cggaagagat c
<210> 8
<211> 224
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 8
cgatatacac catcggtctg gggccaacgc taatactact tggtgctgcc aattgaattc 60
tggtttgctg tgaatctcta tcaacaagag tatcatttgt gaatgcttta atttattgag 120
```

aaagaacaag aagatgatgg atacattgat acatttgcgc agccttgcag cctgactcaa 180

WO 99/10535 PCT/US98/17283

```
ttctgctgtt catcagtttt aatgtccttt ctgtgtcata cgtg
                                                                   224
<210> 9
<211> 210
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 9
gatctttttt ccttcactta ttgctgaaac caagngcaca attcccatta agngaaggat 60
ctctgtgctg taaactaaac aaattgtgca ttttttctgg ggccattgtt tttggtttat 120
tttgttattt tgttttgttt ttgttttttt ggtttcattt tgttttgggt tggtccaatt 180
ttaaaaggaa atactacaat aaaaatgtta
<210> 10
<211> 163
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 10
gatctgattt gctagttctt cctggtagag ttataaatgg aaagattaca ctatctgatt 60
aatagtttct tcatactctg catataattt gtggctgcag aatattgtaa tttgttgcac 120
actatgtaac aaaactgaag atatgtttaa taaatattgt act
<210> 11
<211> 176
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 11
gegatgitet tetaeteaca acteaegitg giggeetggg cetgaacitg actggagetg 60
acactgtggt gtttgtggag catgactgga accctatgcg agatctgcag gccatggacc 120
gggcccatcg tattgggcag aaacgtgtgg ttaatgtcta ccggttgata accaga
<210> 12
<211> 123
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 12
gatctggaag ggaatgtcca aagagaagaa ggaggagtgg gaccgcaagg ctgaggatgc 60
taggagggag tatgagaaag ccatgaaaga gtatgaagga ggaagagggg actcatctaa 120
aag
                                                                   123
<210> 13
<211> 196
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 13
gatcttcgac acagagaagg agaaatacga gattacagag cagcgaaagg ctgaccagaa 60
agetgtggat ttgcagattt tgccaaagat taaagetgtt cetcagetee agggetacet 120
gcgctctcag ttttccctga caaacgggat gtatcctcac aaactggtct tctaaattgt 180
taacctaatt aaacag
<210> 14
```

WO 99/10535 . PCT/US98/17283

.

```
<211> 225
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 14
actcaatctc ttcaaactct ttatactggn ctatnatnag nggggatgtg ncaanatnga 60
cnctggtggt gtatgaaaga aaagntcnat ggacntnggc atnccaagat tgaattcacc 120
tgcttcctac gatgtgtgaa actgctaata gcaaaatatc tctanggtta tgangagtac 180
tgtcgttctg caaatattca cttcanaact anncaccacg ttnaa
<210> 15
<211> 244
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 15
ctagataatc ccttactgag tctttcttcn caggtgattc anttgagttg acaattannn 60
ctaagaattc aatggactan tgaggtgcct cagcagntaa tagcanttgc tgttcttcca 120
gaggaccaga gttcagtttc tcatcccaag ttgggctgct cgtnagtgtc ggtaantcca 180
gcttcagggg cttgaattta tactgaccat gggcacctgt accccaacac anacacatac 240
acat
<210> 16
<211> 233
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 16
ctagaagtta atcctgtnaa gcatggtaag aatancattc tcaanatctt gagttaanaa 60
agatettgga ggnggetggn gagatggete antggttaag anenetgaet getetteeag 120
aggtcctgan ttcaattccc ancaaccaca tggtggntca caaccanctg taatgatacc 180
tgatgccatc ntccgtggtg tatctgaana canctacagt gacagctaca ncg
<210> 17
<211> 260
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 17
ggattttatt ctaggcttgg ccagatacag gttggcatcc taggggagga agataacaat 60
gtcataggtg aatttgttag gagaggcaag acatgggaaa tcattgattt cttcagattt 120
ctttaaagca aattagaaga taaatgtcta aaagagatac acttaaaaaa tggtgaaact 180
ataacccctt aaggagagcc agatgtggca ggagccaggt ctgaaaatgg tagctgaagt 240
```

```
aagcagacca gcgtaagatc
                                                                   260
<210> 18
<211> 154
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 18
cqatgagtca gagaggaagt ggacagtgcg ttattcatta cagcaaagga tttcgttggc 60
atcaaaatct aagttigttt tacaaagatt gtttttagta ctaagctgcc ttggcagttt 120
gcatttttga gccaaacaaa aatatattat tttc
<210> 19
<211> 340
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 19
cgattcaatt gtataaatga ttataatttc tttcatggaa gcatgatcct tctgattaag 60
aactgtaccc catattttat gctggttgtc tgcaagcttg tgcgatgatg ttatgttcat 120
gttaatccta tttgtaaaat gaagtgttcc tgaccttatg ttaaaaagag agaagtaaat 180
aacagacatt attcagttat tttgtccttt atcgaaaaac cagatttcat ttttcctttt 240
tgtttgtgat ctcatttgga aataattggc aagttgaggt actttcttcc catgctttgt 300
acaatataaa ctgttatgcc tttcagtgcg ttactgtggg
<210> 20
<211> 277
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 20
ctagaggtgg gaactggctc cactccacac agcagccagt tagttagtga cggtcagctg 60
catgcagggg aatgaaggac tcggagagaa cgttctgtgc tatgtgtgtt ccatagagat 120
taaaaaggag gcctggagcc gagcatggtg gtgcacgcct ttaatcccag cacttgggag 180
gcagagtcag gtggatttct gagttcattg ccagcctggt ctacagagtg aattccagga 240
caggcagggc tacacagaga aaccctgtct caaaaaa
                                                                   277
<210> 21
<211> 66
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 21
ctagaatttg cagtagcatt aattcaagcc tacgtattca ccctcctagt aagcctatat 60
ctacat
<210> 22
<211> 121
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 22
ctagacataa gatattgtac ataaaganaa ttttttttgc ctttaaatag ataaaagtat 60
ctatcagata aaaatcangt tgtaagttat attgaagaca atttgataca taataaaaga 120
```

```
<210> 23
<211> 127
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 23
ggggagnnnn cnagnaanna gantcgtacg taaanagaan nntggtgcnt ttanatagaa 60
aangtactat canataanaa tcaggttgta agttatattg aagacgnttt gatacataat 120
aaaagat
<210> 24
<211> 105
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 24
ctagactgac aaagactttt tgtcaacttg tacaatctga agcaatgtct ggcccacaga 60
cagctgagct gtaaacaaat gtcacatgga aataaatact ttatc
<210> 25
<211> 85
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 25
ctctcttgcc acccagatgg ttaggatgat tctgaagatg atgacatccg taagcctgga 60
gaatctgaag aataaactgt accat
<210> 26
<211> 85
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 26
ctctcttgcc acccagatgg ttaggatgat tctgaagatg atgacatccg taagcctgga 60
gaatctgaag aataaactgt accat
<210> 27
<211> 316
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 27
gateteggaa tggacecaae tgeteetget ceaeeggegg eteetgeaet tgeaeeaget 60
cetgegeetg caagaactge aagtgéacet cetgeaagaa gagetgetge teetgetgte 120
ccgtgggctg ctccaaatgt gcccagggct gtgtctgcaa aggcgccgcg gacaagtgca 180
egtgetgtge etgatgtgae gaacageget gecaccaegt gtaaatagta teggaccaae 240
ccagcgtctt cctatacagt tccaccctgt ttactaaacc cccgttttct accgagtacg 300
tgaataataa aagcct
                                                                   316
<210> 28
<211> 136
<212> DNA
<213> murine
```

```
<400> 28
attcagacga atgagactcc tccacattgg agacaagaga tgcagagagc tcagagaatg 60
agggtgtcaa gtggtgaaag atggatcaaa ggggataaga gtgagttaaa tgaaataaaa 120
gaaaatcaaa ggagcc
                                                                                                                                                         136
<210> 29
<211> 243
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
              throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 29
ngcnnnnnn ccagnaggag gagaagatga ctggccagta tcanaatggg ataagatgag 60
gcgcgccctg gagtacacca tctacaacca ggagctcaac gagacgcgcg ctaagctcga 120
cgagctttct gctaancgag aaacnagtgg agagaaatcc ngacaactaa gggatgccca 180
gcaggatgca ngagacaaaa tggaggatat tgagcgccag gttaqagaac tgaaaacaat 240
nat
<210> 30
<211> 359
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
              throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 30
ctcaaggaaa agacagcacc ncgtgcctgg catctgntgn nttagntnat ntnnaantnt 60
conningnee tygeaacggi teetgaacna attaccaete ettettyeea gienaanagg 120
gtgggaaagt ccgagcctta ngacccagtt tcagttctgg tttcttccct cctgancacc 180
atcogningth agriculty agricultural actions according actions are actions at a second action actions and actions are actions as a second action actions and action actions action action actions action action
totttaattt atgtaaggtt ttntgtnoto aattotttaa qaaatgacaa attttggttt 300
tctactgttc aatqaqaaca ttaggcccca qcaacacqtc attgtgtaaa naaataaaa 359
<210> 31
<211> 139
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 31
cgatggctcc atcctggcct cactgtccac cttccagcag atcggctcag caagcaggag 60
taggatgagt ctggcccctc catcgtgcac cgcaaatgct tctaggcgga ctgttttaca 120
ccctttcttt gacaaaacc
<210> 32
<211> 354
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
```

```
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 32
chnatgetac atgetgnagg atgectaagg etgececca ceatecectq getetgetgn 60
coggancaaa tigoticoag aigigactii ggaacction cacccoinac conaconnic 120
tenagaannt ettttattta aaggaggaaa nannacatee aagaaaangg ggggagggg 180
gatggaaann cgcatcccct ttctagccag ctgttcccaa aaggtaccct tcctctctgc 240
tgctccccaa acncaaance cacttengan cetecaceta aancateang caagteacnt 300
acaccotgtt tanccocona ctototgctt ataccongga acaattnntg ctog
<210> 33
<211> 412
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 33
cqatqqtqqq qatcttactq qqqaaqaqqa aqqaccatta qcacaccatc atqatqtcaq 60
atgacaaaat ggaagccaag acaccttgaa ggtgactttc taggaaggtc ttaagcatgt 120
aatgtccctt tatcagaggg aaggggacaa actcagggca gccctgtcca ggtagaaata 180
tttttgcccc cctgtctgat gttgatgagg ggtcatacca nccagggaga ccctctggga 240
ggaagctgcc acacacaang actctggaag tatccagatg tgagcccagc cagggtccta 300
tggttccaaa tctgaanaaa aggtttttca cacactcctt gctttctgct aagataanaa 360
aggogtcact ctgccagagt gtgacttttt acagattaaa taaagctgtt at
<210> 34
<211> 239
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 34
gatetactee atteccetgg aaateatgea gggeaeeggg ggtgagetgt ttgateacat 60
tgtctcctgc atctccgact tcctggacta catggggatc aaaggccccg gatgcctctg 120
ggcttcacct tctcgtttcc ctgcaagcag acgagcctat attgcggaat cttgatcacg 180
tggacaaagg gattcaaagc caccgactgt gtgggtcacn atgtanccac tttactgag 239
<210> 35
<211> 93
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 35
gatcigagit cgaggccage ciggictaca gagigagite caggneagee aggnetacae 60
```

```
agagaaaccc tgtctcgaaa aaacagaaag aga
                                                                   93
<210> 36
<211> 130
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
ctttcattaa aaagaaacca ggggctggan agatggctca gtggttaaga gcaccaactg 60
ctcttcccga aggtcctaag ttcaaatccc agcaaccaca tggtggctaa caaccactcg 120
taatgagatc
<210> 37
<211> 234
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 37
ategentgge teteetgngg cetggentae gaenngaaaa ggagtgteea eggetgetgt 60
cgnggccacg attaattaaa actgaagtac cgaggntncc ccagngneng antgtggggt 120
cnngcentte ntgntecaca anecaacttg geagaegett actgtnetgt caactntenn 180
nngaatacen ccaccencat getaaaatga tgactgacgt taanccatge tggt
<210> 38
<211> 251
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 38
cgatgacaaa ggagtcctga ggcagattac tctgaatgac cttcctgtcg gaagatcagt 60
ggacgagaca ctgcgtttgg ttcaagcctt ccagtacact gacaagcatg gagaagtctg 120
ccctgctggc tggaaacctg gtagtgaaac aataatccca gatccagctg gaaaactgaa 180
gtatttcgac aagctaaact gaaaagtact tcagttatga tgtttggacc ttctcaataa 240
aggtcattgt g
<210> 39
<211> 179
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
cgatgctgaa taagctcctc aaaaagtggt aaatttaacc ttttnaaaaa acaagctttc 60
tetgtacage tetggetgtt ttgttetgga atacattetg tagaattgte tggeetetaa 120
```

<211> 120

```
cttggagate caacteeste tgestettga gtgetgggat taatggeatg tgacactgt 179
<210> 40
<211> 219
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 40
cgatgacctc atgccggccc agaagtgaag cctggccctc gccaccatca ggctgccgct 60
tectaaetta ttaaeeggge agtgeeegee atgeateett gangtttgee geetggegge 120
tgagccctta gcctcgctgt agagacttct gtcgccctgg gtagagttta tttttttgat 180
ggntaanctg ttgctgacac tgaaaataan ctagggttt
<210> 41
<211> 303
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 41
cgatcaatga aaagatgacg agtttctttc aaatgggcag ttactccctg ataacttcat 60
agctgcctgc acagagaaga aaatccctgt tgtgtttaga ctacaagagg gttatgatca 120
tagctactac ttcattgcaa ctttcatcgc tgaccacatc agacaccatg ctaagtacct 180
gaatgcatga naagcctcag ccaagagaat ctcatcagga ggccggaagg gaatcaacag 240
gagtgctgac ttcctcgcag aagatcatgc tcctgcagct gaatcgcttt tctgaataaa 300
tat
<210> 42
<211> 460
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 42
cgatgintac ticatigcca coctgicani cototggaag gigicogica toacciiggi 60
cagctgtctc cccctctatg tcctcaagta cctgcggaga cggttctccc cacccagcta 120
ctcgaagctc acttcctaag ctgcagggct gcctcgggca gggcctccgg cctccggcgc 180
teteccagga ggaggteaag ttecacaege acgageegee tetgetggae ggtgeagtea 240
tggctggcac atgaggcttc gctgaggcga cactgggcac ctaatgggga tggaacattg 300
gtggaaccgg agggagggac ctgagagctg tacctatcag aaccttgggt gctaagctgt 360
gctgaggggg aagacgtggg accggatggc ccgtctgagg tttgtggggt cactgtgcaa 420
gcttccttat ggtttgaacc tcttgtcatg tgataaaagt
<210> 43
```

```
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 43
cgatttacgt atttgactga aatgaaagtt ccactaaacg gtatttgctc ttgtgatatg 60
tgqcacattg tgatattttc ttagtctgtt ctgtttcatt taaaaaataa aactgctgat 120
<210> 44
<211> 132
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 44
ccgatgincg ataatagtaa ataccitaat tanttaaata aticatigna tigiticaga 60
gacgtttgga aattactgta tacatttaca acctaatgac ttttgtattt tattttcaa 120
aanaaaagct ta
<210> 45
<211> 240
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 45
entingnnnn teenineate nengengint gagteeenee caannagtee atecaanane 60
canngcatnn cagctttatc atgacaacaa antggagnaa gaagaagatg agtttcggcc 120
actgttgagg caaatcnntg nnnantcnta atanacacct ggtccgctca tccttcaacg 180
ttgttntnta naanttacct cccagtagaa angctagcaa ntttnacctg ccacnggttn 240
<210> 46
<211> 126
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
cgatcagatg tcacgcggga cacancnccg ccncagtnaa tggnaatata tttgcatgtt 60
accocaaatt anottotnig caingaacat anglangigt citiggggac acgigigite 120
tactac
<210> 47
<211> 383
<212> DNA
<213> murine
```

```
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 47
cqatttacaa atgaacaanc aagattacat atantgaaaa tccacgcagg acctattaca 60
nagcatggtg aaatagatta tgaagcaatt gtaaagcttt cagatggctt taatggagca 120
tgacctgaca aatgtttgta ctgaagcagg tatgtttgca attcgtgccg atcatgattt 180
tgtanttcag gaagacttca tgaaagcagt cangaangtg gctgactcca agaagctgga 240
gtccaagctg gactacaaac ctgtgtgatt cactannagg gtttggtggc tgcatgacag 300
acattggttt aatgtanact taacngttan ngaaactaat gtanntattg gcaatganct 360
tattanaagt gaatanacat gtg
<210> 48
<211> 255
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 48
cgatgttttt aattaagaag aaattcactt tctcattacc tatgaatctg tgccagggca 60
ggtgattttt gagtatgaga actttgtcct ctccacagtt gtcacaaaaa tggttccttc 120
tcattgaact attgtggcat gctaattaag aagtgagtga ccacttggga ggcagaggca 180
gqtggatttc tgagtttgag gccagcctgg tctacaaagt gagttctaag acagccaggg 240
ctatacagag aaacc
<210> 49
<211> 243
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 49
ccaagnaata tggtctaatc aaaggtcgtc tgtctgcttt tgattgtcta catcacagca 60
atccctggga atttctatcc attttaaatg cngccgcttt catctgttta gccagcacac 120
ccaatggttt cactaactag cccagttgac cttttggaag tttgagcctt gagcaccttc 180
aacaaaattg agcactctga ttaggatatc cactttgcaa ataaaaccaa atgttttgtc 240
<210> 50
<211> 358
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 50
cgatgagggg aagatgacct gggccgggga ggccatccct tatccaagat cacagggaat 60
tctgggaaga ggttggcctg tggcatcatt gcacgctctg ccggcctttt ccagaacccc 120
aagcagatet geteetgtga tggeeteact atetgggagg agegaggeeg geeeattgee 180
ggtcaaggcc gaaaggactc agcccaaccc ccagctcacc tctaaacaga gcctcatgtc 240
```

```
aggitatitg gicclogiag cigaacatci iciigcagag ggagcigeng gecetigeti 300
 gtacaggcct aagtacaggg cagataagtg ctgtagcctg aacaaattaa attgttac
 <210> 51
 <211> 355
 <212> DNA
 <213> murine
 <220>
 <221> variation
 <222> (various)
 <223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
       throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
 <400> 51
 cgattagctg nggtctctag ganatactcg tcactatatg agctcaggan gccagctctt 60
 agtagetetg aancaggtga agaateetee tetgaggaaa cagaetggga ggaagaagea 120
 geocattace agecagetaa tiggicaaga aaaaagecaa aagengeigg egaaagicag 180
- cqtactqttc aacctcccgg cagtcggttt caaggtccgc cctatgcgga gcccccgccc 240
 tgcgtagtgc gtcagcaatg cgcagagggg caatgcgcag agaggtgcgc agaggggcag 300
 tgcgcagaga ggtgcgcaga gaggcagtgc gcagagaggc agtgcgcaga ctcat
 <210> 52
 <211> 213
 <212> DNA
 <213> murine
 <400> 52
 cgatttctaa atcagtctcg cctgtgctag gatgaccggt aatgagcctg tttaaaataa 60
 gacttaaaag tgtcgtgcgt tggccgggcg gtaggggcgc atgcctttaa tttcataact 120
 tggaggtaga gacaggcgga tctttgtgag ttcaaggtca gcctggtgta cagagtgact 180
 tccagaacag ccagggctgt taaacagaga aac
 <210> 53
  <211> 113
  <212> DNA
  <213> murine
  <220>
  <221> variation
  <222> (various)
  <223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
        throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
  <400> 53
  ttgttttgtt nttcagatag ggtcttacat atcccatgct ggtctcaaac tcacattatg 60
  catgogggga aagcoattta otgactgata taccootggo octaagatag ato
  <210> 54
  <211> 108
  <212> DNA
  <213> murine
  cgatcgtcgt tctggtaaga agctggaaga tggccccaag ttcctgaagt ctggccattt 60
  aagtttaata gtaaaagact ggttaatgat aacaatgcat cgtaaaac
  <210> 55
  <211> 257
  <212> DNA
  <213> murine
```

PCT/US98/17283 14

```
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 55
cgatcgtcgt tctgagtaan aagctggaan anggccccaa gttcctgnng tctgqcqatq 60
ctgccattta agttnannag ananaagact ggctnatgat aacaatgcan cntaaaacct 120
tcaggnaggn aacgaatgtt gtggaccatt ttttntgngt gtggcagttt naagttatna 180
agnitticaaa ancantacti nitaanggga acaactigac ccatcancig tcacagaain 240
ttgangacca ttaacac
<210> 56
<211> 151
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 56
nctacgatca totagatota otagacotac nacnagacoa tgggocaaan atggtogaco 60
tgcaaacttg caaggittat titanataca cattatggcg tittaintit tgtaaticta 120
agttgtaatt cagcttttaa caaatctttt t
<210> 57
<211> 152
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 57
ccaagnanat cnagactact agacctacta cnagaccatn ggncaaacat ggtcgaccnn 60
caaacgnata ngtatatttn anatacacan anatagcgtt ntatgtctng taattctaag 120
tngtanatca nctattanca aaatctttnt tt
<210> 58
<211> 188
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 58
cgatggaagt tetgetgage cettetgaeg taaccetgge natggetaac actgteette 60
ctgcaatgtt cntggtggac acancttctc tgganatacc ctgaangtgg cacgccctgt 120
tecaquecae etggtgtqua etttttgccc tetttacete attantaaat gttttentgc 180
```

```
188
tcctaatq
<210> 59
<211> 136
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
     throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 59
ctnagnaagg anctgtactt cgtattgcaa ggcagtctct tgtgtcttct tagagtgtct 60
tececatgea cageeteagt ttggageact agtttataat gtttattaca atttttaata 120
                                                                   136
aattgantag gtagta
<210> 60
<211> 365
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
tententet ggtaagaact ggaatatgge eccaagttee tgaagtetgg egatgetgee 60
attgttgata tggtccctgg caancccatg tgtgttgaga gcttctctga ctaccctcca 120
cttggtcgct ttgctgttcg tgacatgagg cagacagttg ctgtgggtgt catcaaagct 180
gtggacaaaa angctgctgg agctggcnaa gtcaccaagt ctgcccanaa agctcagaag 240
gctaaatgaa tattacccct aacanctgcc accncantct taatcagtgg tggaagaacg 300
gtctcagaac tgttngtctc aantggccat ttaagtttaa tantaaaaga ctggttaatg 360
                                                                   365
ataac
<210> 61
<211> 357
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
cgatchtcgt tctggtaaga nncnggaaca tggccccaag ttccngannt ctggcgangc 60
ngccantgtt gatatggtcc ctggcaagcc catgtgtntt gagagcttca cnnacnaccc 120
tccanttggt cgctttgctg ttcgtgacat gaggcagaca gttgctgtgg gtgtcancaa 180
anctgtggac aananggctg ctggagctgg caagntcacc aantctgccc agaaagctca 240
gaatgetaaa tnaatattae Ecctaanace tgecacecca gtentaatea gtggtggaat 300
aacngtotca gaactgtttg toncaattgg coanttangt ttaatnatac aagactg
<210> 62
<211> 305
<212> DNA
<213> murine
```

```
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 62
gnnnnnnnn nncnangaaa aagaggtgaa aaatgcttgg ctctagctga tgacagaaag 60
ctgaaatcca tcgccttccc atccattggc agcggcagga acgggttccc ggaagcagac 120
ageggeecag eteattetga agtgeeatet ecagetaent tgtetecaeg atgteeteet 180
ccatcaaaac tgtgtacttc atgctttttg acagtgagag cataggtatc tatgtgcagg 240
aaatggccaa gctggacgcc aactaggcca gtgatcccta gagccagcac atgcggtgtc 300
cccca
<210> 63
<211> 327
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 63
ctnangaaag ctgctggggc nccctgacat cactcatcac tcactatgct accaattcta 60
tttatttcgg aattacaaga tatcgggaat ctctctgcag gctggactgg caggctgtgg 120
ggtgggcggg acacggctct taacatttnc agagggaaac gcgcanatgt ccaaaagtct 180
aaataaatgc attcagaggt ttntggggtc catggccaag tggagttccc ccncaggggg 240
aggtggggta agtgcctcca ggaaggcagg cagcctgcct tanacttgca ncccggntgt 300
gggaatgaat cattggagta ataaact
<210> 64
<211> 271
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 64
cgatgccaat ggcatcctca atgtttctgc tgtagataag agcacaggaa aggagaaagt 60
ctgcaaccct atcattacca agctgtacca gagtgcaggt ggcatgcctg ggggaatgcc 120
tggtggcttc ccaggtggag gagctccccc atctggtggt gcttcttcag gccccaccat 180
tgaagaggtg gattaagtca gtccaagaag aaggtgtagc tttgttccac agggacccaa 240
aacaagtaac atggaataat aaaactattt a
<210> 65
<211> 310
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 65
cgatgaagat gaggtcactg cagaggagcc cagtgctgct gttcctgatg agatccccc 60
tctggaaggc gatgaggatg cctcgcgcat ggaagaggtg gattaaagcc tcctggaaga 120
agccctgccc totgtatagt atccccgtgg ctcccccagc agccctgacc cacctggatc 180
totgotoatg totacaagaa tottotatoo tgtootgtgo ottaaggoag gaagatooco 240
tcccacagaa tagcagggtt gggtgttatg tattgtggtt tttttgtttg ttttattttg 300
ttctaaaatt
<210> 66
<211> 579
```

```
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 66
cqatqccaat ggcatcctca atgtttctgc tgtagataag agcacaggaa aggagaacaa 60
gatcaccatc accaatgaca agggccgctt gagtaaggaa gatattgagc gcatggtcca 120
agaaqctgag aagtacaagg ctgaggatga gaagcagaga gataaggttt cctccaagaa 180
ctcactggag tcctatgcct tcaacatgaa agcaactgtg gaagatgaga aacttcaagg 240
caagatcaat gatgaggaca aacagaagat tettgacaag tgcaatgaaa teatcagetg 300
qctqqataag aaccagactg cagagaagga agaatttgag catcagcaga aagaactgga 360
gaaagtetge aaccetatea ttaccaaget gtaccagagt geaggtggea tgeetggggg 420
aatgcctggt ggcttcccag gtggaggagc tcccccatct ggtggtgctt cttcaggccc 480
caccattgaa naggtggntt aagtnatcca nnaagaaagg ntnccttttt ttccaaaggg 540
anccaaaaaa gtaanatgga taataaaacc tatttaatt
<210> 67
<211> 186
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 67
cgatgccaat agnancccaa ntntctgcng tngataagac acangaaaag agaacaagat 60
caccatcacc aatgacaagg gccgcttgag taaggaagat attgagcgca tggtccaaga 120
tcaatgatga ggacaaacag aagattottg acaagtgcaa tgaaatcato agotggotgg 180
ataaga
<210> 68
<211> 321
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 68
cgattagcgg aggtctctag gagatactcg tcactagatg agctcaggaa gccagctctt 60
agtagetetg aageaagtga agaateetee tetgaggaaa cagaetggga ggaagaagea 120
gcccattacc agccagctaa ttggtcaaga aaaaagccaa aagcggctgg cgaaagtcag 180
egtactgtte aaceteegg eagteggttt caaggteege eetatgegga geeeeegeee 240
tgcgtagtgc gtcagcaatg cgcagagggg caatgcgcag agaggcagtg cgcagagagg 300
cagtgcgcag actcattcat t
<210> 69
<211> 321
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 69
cgattagcgg aggtctctag gagatactcg tcactagatg agctcaggaa gccagctctt 60
agtagetetg aageaagtga agaateetee tetgaggaaa cagaetggga ggaagaagea 120
gcccattacc agccagctaa ttggtcaaga aaaaagccaa aagcggctgg cgaaagtcag 180
cgtactgttc aacctcccgg cagtcggttt caaggtccgc cctatgcgga gcccccgccc 240
```

```
tgcgtagtgc gtcagcaatg cgcagagggg caatgcgcag agaggcagtg cgcagagagg 300
cagtgcgcag actcattcat t
<210> 70
<211> 495
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 70
gatotttgta ggcacaaaat gaatoocgca cotggtgaco catgatgoto gtactattog 60
gtaccetgat eccetcatea aggtgaacga Caccatteag attgatttgg agacaggeaa 120
aataactgac ttcatcaagt ttgacactgg gaacctgtgt atggtgactg gaggtgctaa 180
cttgggaaga attggtgtaa tcaccaacag agagagacat cccggctctt ttgatgtggt 240
tcatgtgaaa gatgccaatg gcaacagctt tgccactcgg ctgtccaaca tttttgttat 300
tggcaagggt aacaaaccat ggatctctct tcccagagga aaaggaatcc gcctcaccat 360
tgctgaagag agagacaaga ggcttgcggc caaacagagc agtgggttga aatggtctcc 420
taggagacat gcctggaaag ttgttttgta caacctttcc taggcaacat acattgctag 480
aattaaacag ccatg
<210> 71
<211> 136
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 71
cgatcgagag ggcaaaccac ggaaggtggt tggttgcagt tgcgtagtgg ttaaggacta 60
tggcaaagaa tctcaggcca aggatgtcat cgaggaaata cttcaagtgc aagaaataaa 120
taaattttgg ctgatt
<210> 72
<211> 140
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 72
attocagatg aggaccacaa gogactcatt gatttacata gtocttotga gattgttaag 60
cagattactt ccatcagtat tgagccggga gttgaggttg aagtcaccat tgcagatgcc 120
taagacaact gaataaatcg
<210> 73
<211> 216
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 73
gatctataca gtcgggaaac gcttcaagga agcaaataac ttcctgtggc ccttcaagtt 60
atottoccca cgaggtggga tgaagaaaaa gacaactcac tttgtagaag gtggagatgc 120
tggcaacagg gaagaccaga taaacaggct tattagacgg atgaactaag gtgtcaccca 180
ttgtattttt gtaatctggt cagttaataa acagtc
<210> 74
<211> 151
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<400> 74
cgatgtggcc aaagtcaata ccctgataag gcccgacgga gagaagaagg cgtatgttcg 60
ctrggcrcct gattatgatg ccctagatgt tgccaacaag attgggatca tctaaactga 120
gtccagatgg ctaattctaa atatactt t
<210> 75
```

```
<211> 90
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
     throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 75
qatctqqaac cataqatqcq aqcatcaqca acaqaataca aqaaatqqaa qnqnqaatct 60
caggtgcaga agnttccata gagaacatcg
<210> 76
<211> 257
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 76
gegatgeaaa ateettaata naattettge taacegaate caagaacaca ttaaageaat 60
catccatcct gaccaagtag gttttattcc agggatgcng ngatggttta atatatgaaa 120
atocatoaat gtaatocatt ntataaacaa notoaangao anaaacoaca tgatoatoto 180
qttagntgca gaaaaagcat ttgacaagat ccaacacaca ttcgtgataa nagttttggn 240
                                                                257
aagatcagga attcaag
<210> 77
<211> 200
<212> DNA
<213> murine
<220>
<221> variation
<222> (various)
<223> bases designated as "n" at various positions
      throughout the sequence may be A, T, C or G
<400> 77
cgatnnaccc gctctacctc accatctctt gctaattcag cctatatacc gccatcttca 60
gcaaacccta aatnaggtat taaagtaagc atcnagaatc anccatactc aacgtnacgt 120
caaggtgtac ccaatgmaat gggaagaaat gggctacatt ttcttatana agaacattnc 180
                                                                200
tataccettt ntgaaactaa
<210> 78
<211> 56
<212> DNA
<213> oligo used in gene expression
<400> 78
<210> 79
<211> 21
<212> DNA
<213> oligo used in gene expression
```

<400> 79 cttacagcgg ccgcttggac g	21
<210> 80	
<211> 15	
<212> DNA	
<213> oligo used in gene expression	
<400> 80	
agcggccgct gtaag	15
<210> 81	
<211> 30	
<212> DNA	
<213> oligo used in gene expression	
<400> 81	
gcggaattcc gtccaagcgg ccgctgtaag	30
<210> 82	
<211> 21	
<211> 21 <212> DNA	
<213> adapter oligo	
<400> 82	
cttacagegg cegettggae g	21
<210> 83	
<211> 15	
<212> DNA	
<213> adapter oligo	
<400> 83	
gaatgtcgcc ggcga	15
322770700 99092	13
<210> 84	
<211> 25	
<212> DNA	
<213> adapter oligo	
<400> 84	
tagegteegg egeagegaeg geeag	25
<210> 85	
<211> 29	
<212> DNA	
<213> adapter oligo	
<400> 85	
gatcctggcc gtcggctgtc tgtcggcgc	29
<210> 86	
<211> 30	
<212> DNA	
<213> primer	
<400> 86	
gcggaattcc gtccaagcgg ccgctgtaag	30
<210> 87	

WQ 99/10535		DCT/I/COO/15303
	21	PCT/US98/17283
<211> 40		
<212> DNA		
<213> primer		
<400> 87	·	
ccccaayya ccccaccyc	tttttttt tttttttat	40
<210> 88		
<211> 40	•	
<212> DNA		
<213> primer		
•		
<400> 88		
taataccgcg ccacatagca	ttttttttt tttttttcg	40
		40
<210> 89		
<211> 40		
<212> DNA		
<213> primer		
<400> 89		

cayggrayac gacgcraege	: ttttttttt tttttttga	40
<210> 90		
<211> 19		
<212> DNA		
<213> primer		
<400> 90		
tagcgtccgg cgcagcgac		19
<210> 91		
<211> 19		
<212> DNA		
<213> primer		
Plane		
<400> 91		
ctctcaagga tctaccgct		19
<210> 92		
<211> 20		
<212> DNA		
<213> primer	·	
<400> 92		
cagggtagac gacgctacgc		20
		20
<210> 93		
<211> 20		
<212> DNA		
<213> primer		
<400> 03	,	
<400> 93		
taataccgcg ccacatagca	•	20
		